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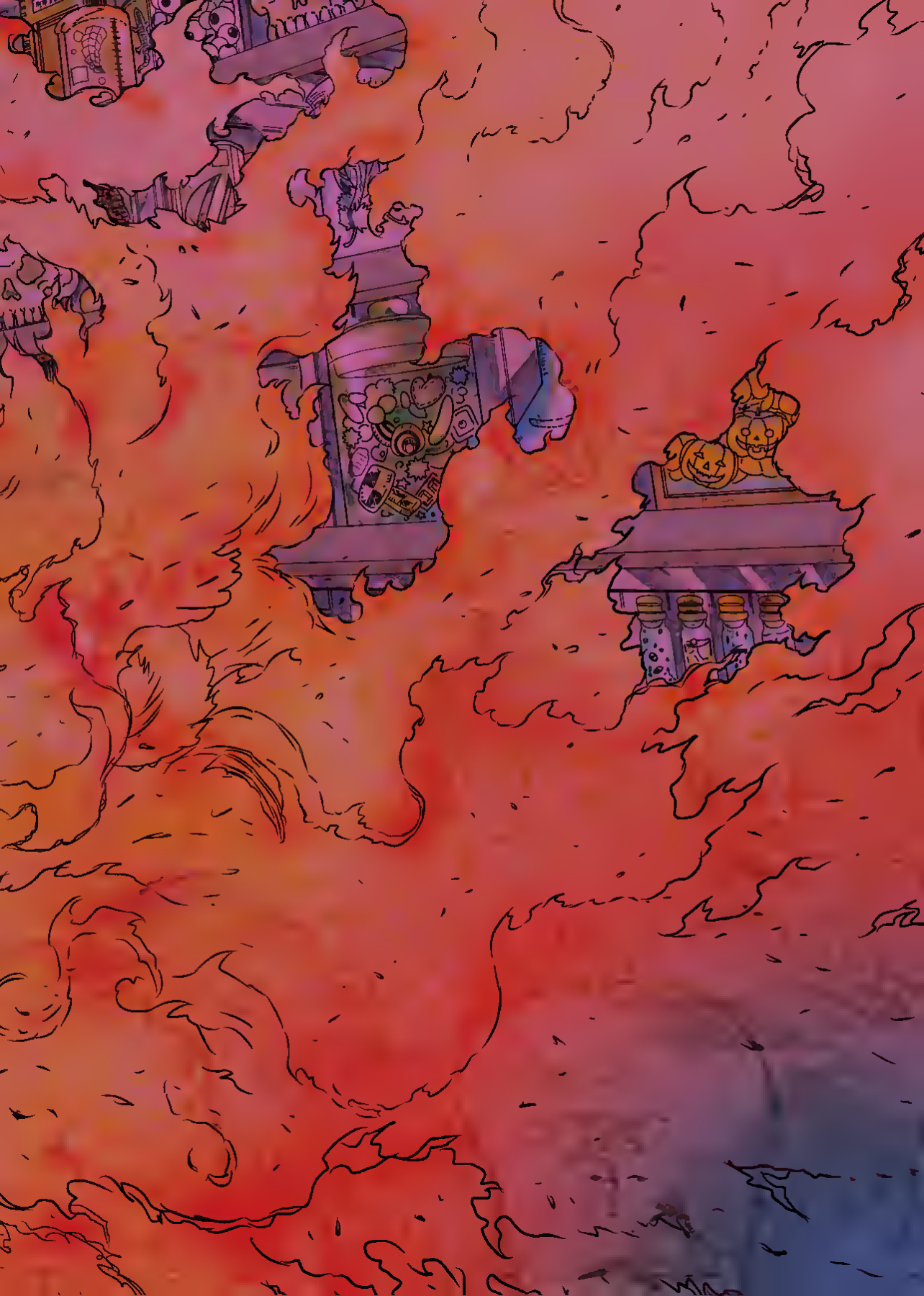

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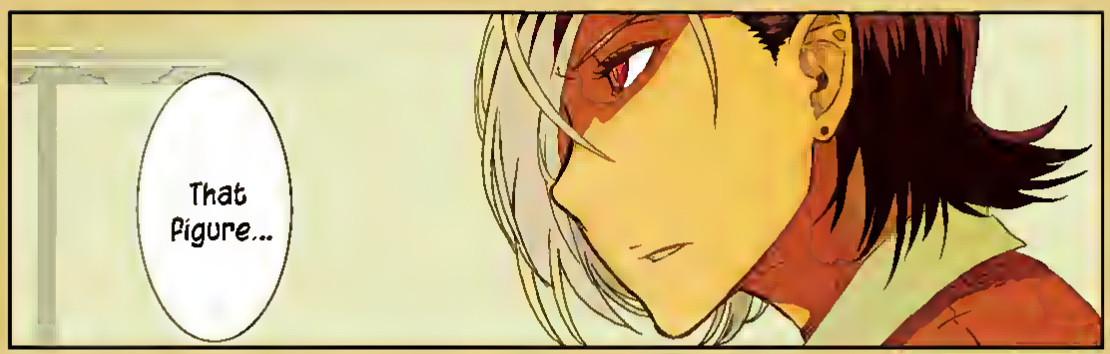
That figure...

THERE WAS A

GIGANTIC SNAKE COILED AROUND KAGARI'S BODY
SQUEEZE

SHAKA
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SHAAA
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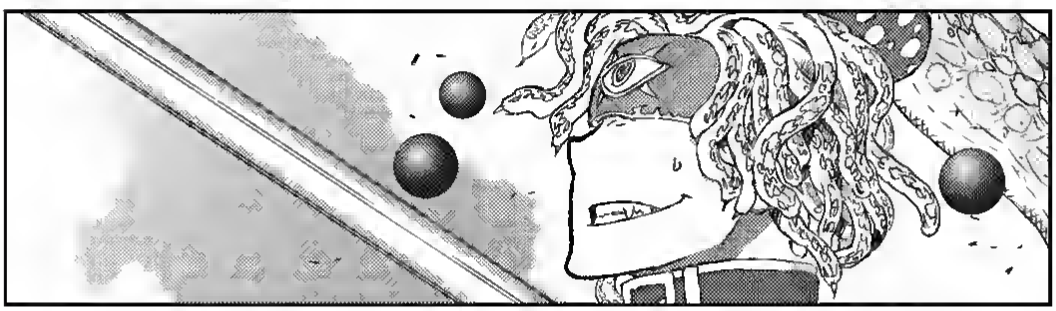
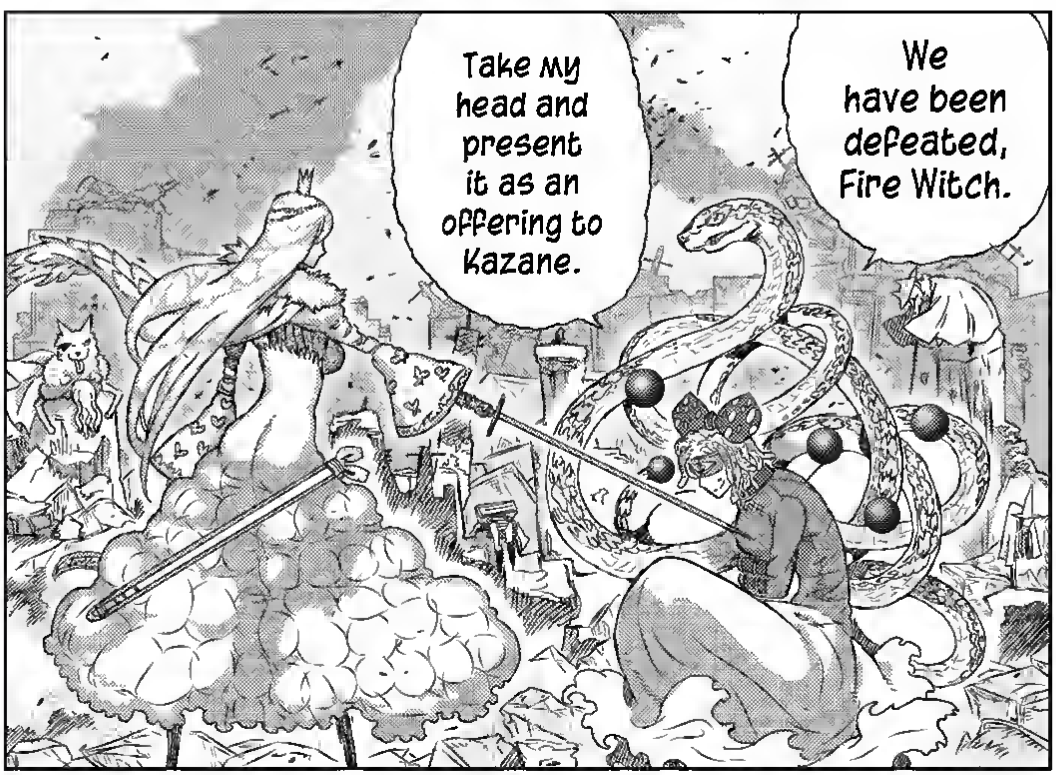
I COULD FEEL

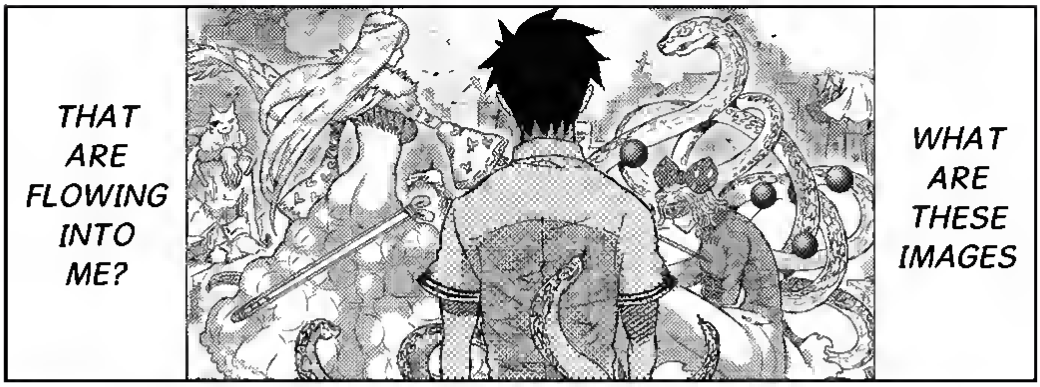
THIS WAS...

SOMETHING FOREIGN ENTERING MY BODY.

a
snake.




Take my head and present it as an offering to Kazane.
We have been defeated, Fire Witch.


THAT ARE FLOWING INTO ME?
WHAT ARE THESE IMAGES

チン
KLINK
すっ
WHSH

WHUMP
Hey, hey.
What are you gonna do with me?

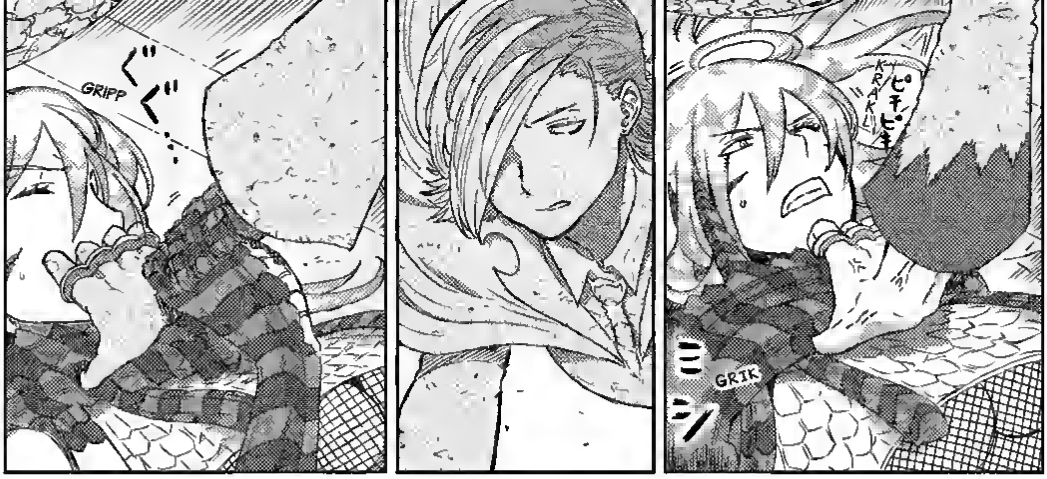
Whoa.
I'm asleep.
すうすう
zzz...
Nurse's Office
So,
what do you mean by us "fighting together"?
...
I see.

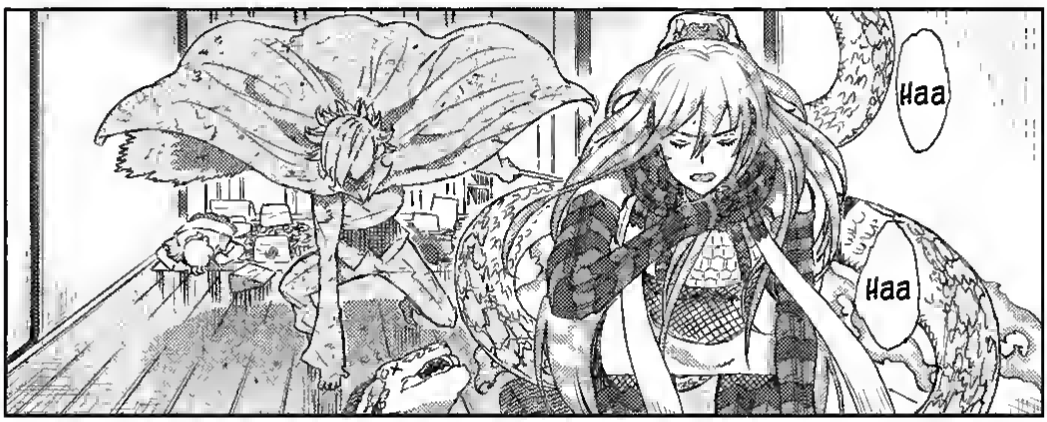
WHSH...
...
FIGHT-ING TOGETH-ER?
Is that...
?!
the Apple of Discord?!
We'll find Medusa. Just stay near him.
I understand, Ayaka.
Where did you get that?!
Can you put the equipment in storage on your way home?

That apple is a Magical fruit that allows two witches to combine powers!
SLAM
You'd be willing to denigrate your own body for his sake ?
Inter-esting! I accept !!!

KLANG
GASP はっ
"Strength" comes from dignity and beauty! Hadn't I drilled that into your head?!
We'll have a nice long talk later about why this happened.
But more importantly, what is with your tacky cosplay?!

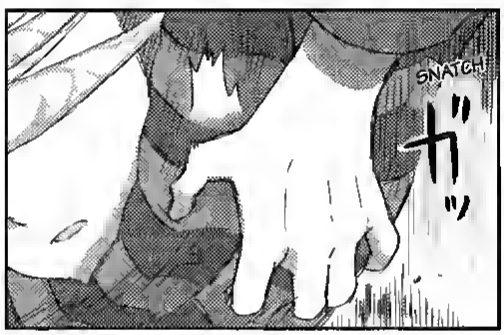
!
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
ズズ
ビューW-O-S-H
WHAP
ピキキキ
KRAKL
GRIP
WHUMP


GRIPP
KRAK
GRIK


Haa
Haa

Sorry, Mother.
I need you petrified for now.
I'll put you in a conspicuous place so you don't get lonely.
REGIS HERE 2013

WHAM


SNATCH!

Haah!
?!

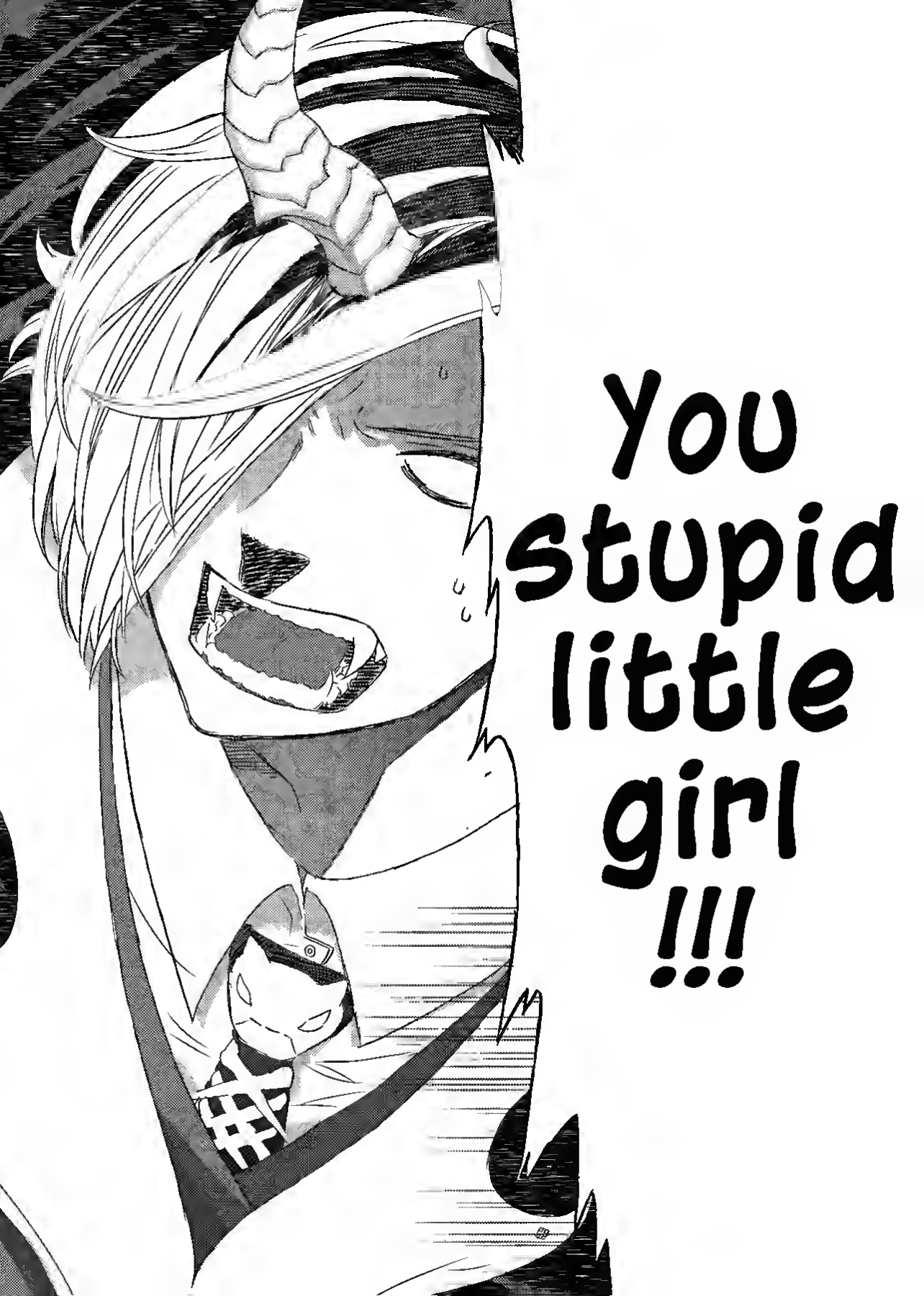
about how a blow to the back could knock the wind out of you.
You're probably wondering right now
GRRIP
Well, it's because your invincibility is gone.
?!

You think you can defeat me with something as simple as that?!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

Isn't there anything I can do...?
Oh no!
At this rate, Kagari's doomed!
Joining with Medusa made you weaker.
The Magic Supply that flows from him should be cut off right now.
!
Ayaka,
a word of advice. Evermillion hates impurities.
I-I need it...
Just like that time,
Then I should be able to use my power!! Concentrate!
My seal has been broken, right?
ZWOOSH
The power to save Kagari!

No, Takamiya! That power—
GASP
VSSH
VSSH
POP
POP
PING
SLITHER
Huh?

KRAK
TAKA-
MIYA
!!!
You
stupid
little
girl
!!!

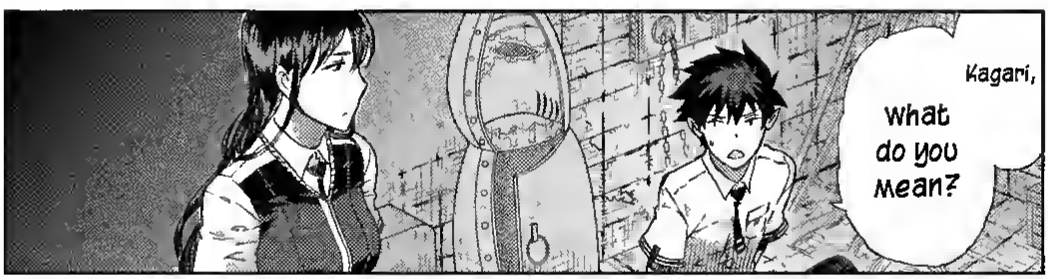

You stupid little girl !!!

KRAK
TAKA-
MIYA
!!!

...
STING
HMM
?

Princess... I can't melt these metal bars!
Princess, they're not flammable...
STUPID MOM
KAGARI!
Are you awake?
!
Where are we?
...The punish-ment room.
We were captured after we lost to Mother.

If you're worried about Medusa, don't be. She detached from me.
Cheer up, Princess!
Medusa's probably being interrogated right now, spilling everything.
But this is the worst possible situation.
Oh...
Hey!


Kagari,
What do you mean?

Explain, please.

That day,
when you broke your seal during the battle with Medusa,
I realized that we're in trouble.

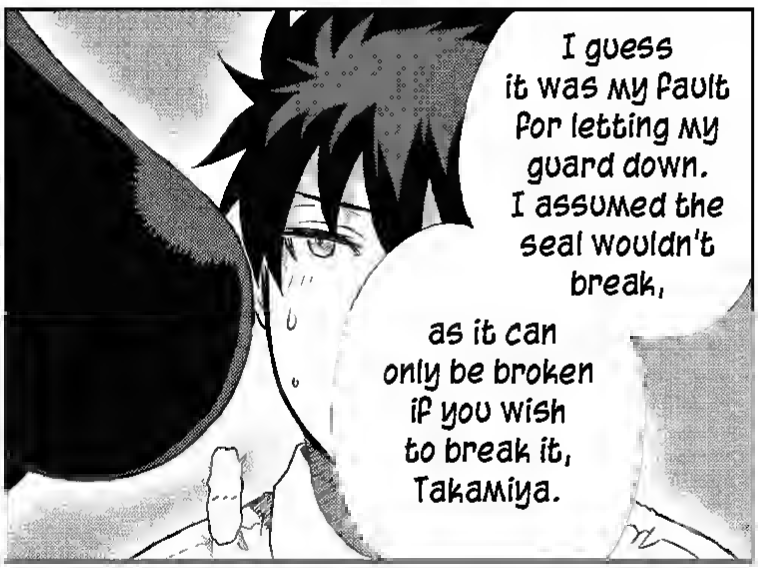
My mother always made one thing very clear ...
It didn't matter if you were injured or if I was killed, never let the seal break.
So, I'm considered a dangerous person.
If it was ever broken, her protection would disappear with it.
As long as the seal worked, she could allow us to live like normal students. But—
すぃ
SWSH
カッ
KLAK
That's right.

KA KLIK
!
Hold still.
You surprised me back there.
You tried to use your power, didn't you?
I figured you were gonna turn everything in sight into another field of ash,
but you and I swapped places instead. How very like you, Takamiya.
This is your one and only way to save her.
But what do you care for the fate of the world?
That's ...
I...
BACK THEN,

You can only defeat Mother if you beat her to the punch.
But things would deteriorate if we just waited around.
That's why I decided to join forces with Medusa.

I was sheltering Medusa and her girls so the Workshop wouldn't find out about the seal.
If any were captured by Mother, they'd spill everything once she tortured them.
S-So,
anyway, please continue.

Are you listening to me?
Uhm.
...
Yup.
DRIP
DRIP


I guess it was my fault for letting my guard down. I assumed the seal wouldn't break,
as it can only be broken if you wish to break it, Takamiya.
...

Kagari,
what do we do now?

You and the Chairwoman are Mother and daughter!

You shouldn't be fighting!

Leaving town isn't an option.
what are you saying?
SHOVE
グイ
HUH ?
That's it! Kasumi!
She said the Chairwoman's power can't touch us if we leave town!

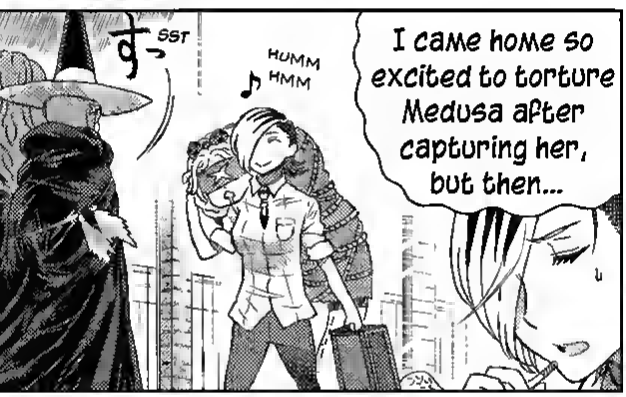
It's the people after you who are the villains here. And you should never give in to villains.
Why should you live in hiding just because you happen to have power?
That's no reason for us to have to run away.
There's a powerful force inside of you, and there are witches who want that power.
Lis-ten.

I'M going to fight. It doesn't matter what I need to do, we're going to go to school together.
I'M not going to let you flee or hide.

Live with your head held high! We're going to school tomorrow!!
THUMP
とん
The student council meets tomorrow. It's your first day on the job!
I've been working hard to make sure this works!
Okay?
...All right.

There's still a move we can make.
But...
What do we do now?
KLAK
パチン
Ah!
Could you be feeling remorse over putting me in this sorry state after mistaking me for a criminal?
GRR...
...You never let me take a move back.
Meanie.
Check-Mate.
No take backs, now.

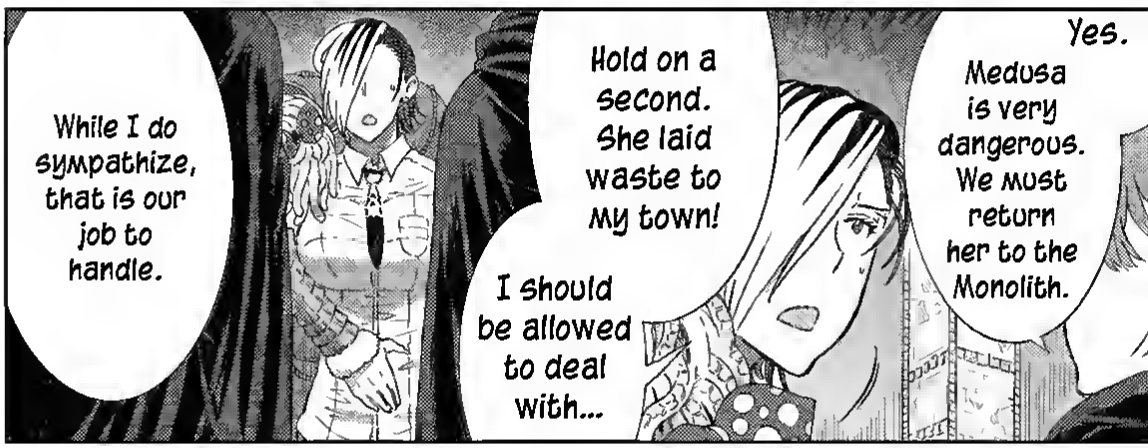
You've always been quite the fool, despite your intellect.
So, why don't you continue on about Medusa?


SST
HUMM HMM
I came home so excited to torture Medusa after capturing her, but then...

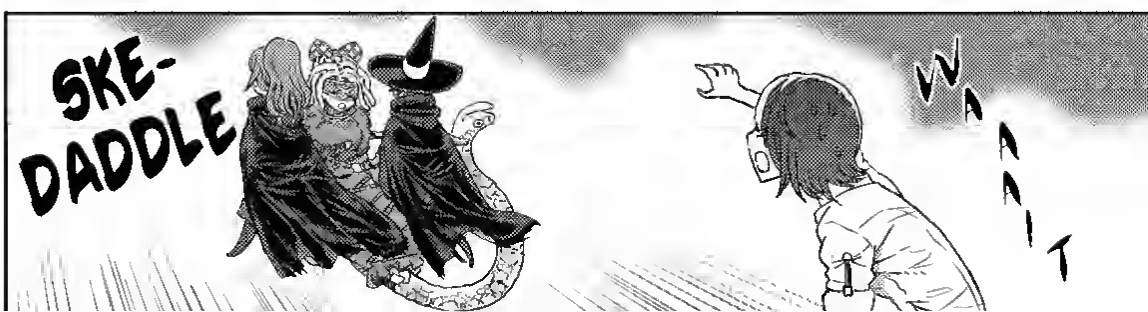
HMM ?!
BAM
OH, I WILL !!

We have come in pursuit of Medusa from the workshop in Rothenberg.
My name is Laurent. This is Vine.
KATT
Pleased to meet you. You must be Kazane Kagari, head of the Tougetsu City workshop.
Your reputation precedes you.

That must be Medusa you're carrying on your back. You did a wonderful job of capturing her!
Please hand her over at once and leave the rest to us.
Hand her over?


Yes. Medusa is very dangerous. We must return her to the Monolith.
Hold on a second. She laid waste to my town!
I should be allowed to deal with...
While I do sympathize, that is our job to handle.

...Two hours.
Give me two hours. That's it! Just pretend you got here two hours later.
JUST GIVE ME SOME TIME TO INFLICT SOME PAIN ON THIS SNAKE-WOMAN!
That is no way for the head of a workshop to act! Now give her to us!


WAAIT
SKE-DADDLE

THOSE STUPID, ROTTEN, !*@&#$!!!
ZZAP
TWITCH TWITCH
That's no way for an educator to speak.
Your horn is showing!

I wasn't able to ask her anything, in the end.
What about Medusa's underlings?
I let those five go. They're all harmless weaklings, anyway.
...You're awfully haphazard for the head of a Workshop.
Didn't you use every witch in this town when you wished to capture me?
Tying five girls up at a time is a pain, too...
CLUNK

...Ah.
I'm not happy about this, but at least we're back to a peaceful—
SLIP
コトリ
CLUNK

BOOOOOM
BPPTTTT
WH-
WH-WH-WH...
ROOOOAR
SIIIP
KRAK
WHAT IS IT NOW?!
THE SCHOOL BUILDING!!

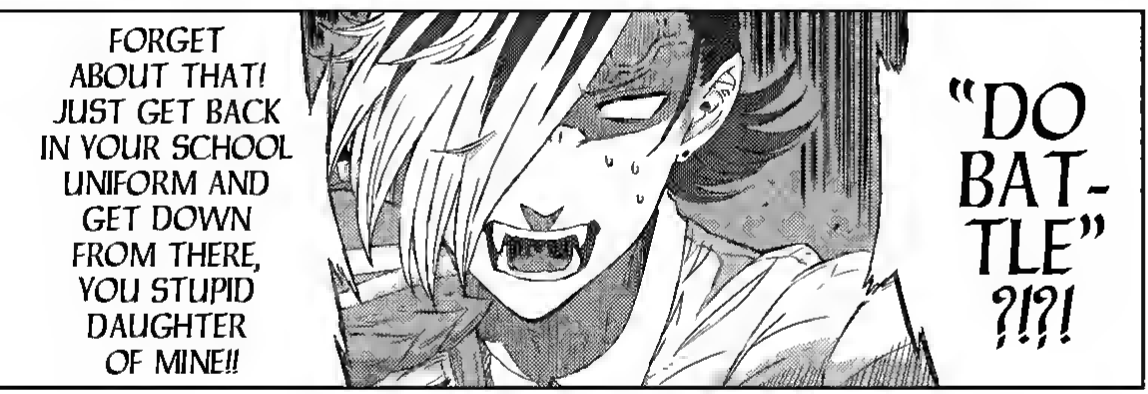
オ
ROOOOAR
オ
XV
オ
オ

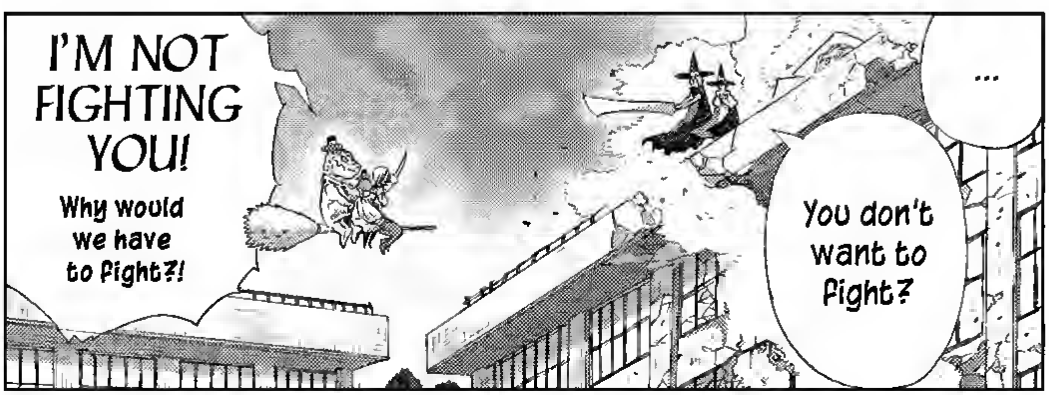
Are you ready?
!
KAGARI!
The escape plan worked.

HEY !!
YOU TWO !

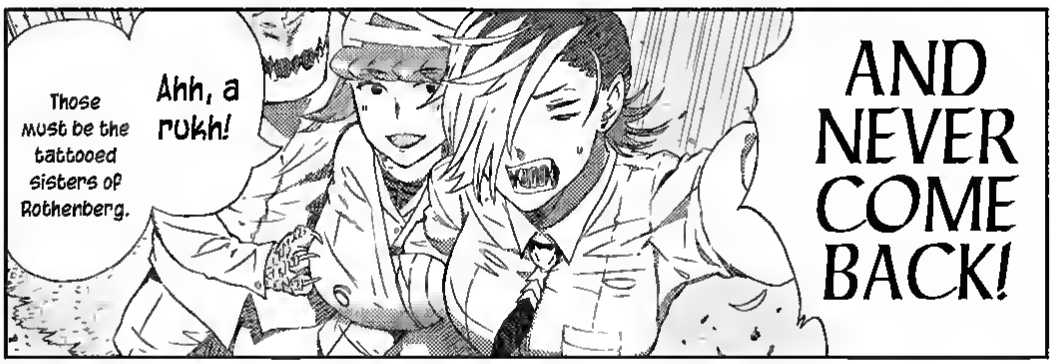
SSST...
GWOOSH
THIS IS A SCHOOL! HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAN ON DE-STROYING THIS PLACE ?!?

It's time for us to do bat-tle, Moth-er!


FORGET ABOUT THAT! JUST GET BACK IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND GET DOWN FROM THERE, YOU STUPID DAUGHTER OF MINE!!
"DO BAT-TLE" ?!?!


I'M NOT FIGHTING YOU!
Why would we have to fight?!
You don't want to fight?
...

Thank you for helping us secure Medusa!
Kazane of Tougetsu city.
FWOOOP
HOWL
Now excuse us!! Auf wiedersehen!
!

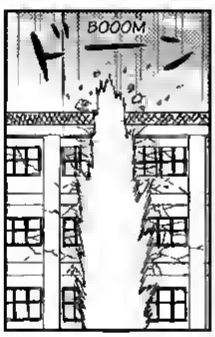

Those must be the tattooed sisters of Rothenberg.
Ahh, a rukh!
AND NEVER COME BACK!

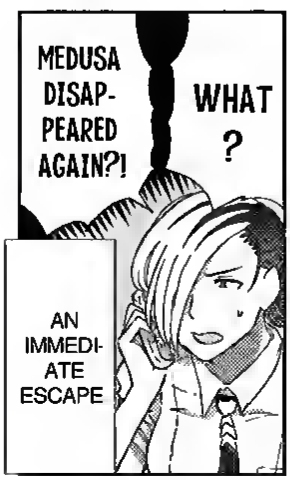
6
POOF
7th
POOF
That was one big bird.
I DON'T EVEN CARE ANYMORE! JUST GO HOME QUIETLY! BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME CLEAN THIS UP TOMORROW !!
YOU BLEW THE BUILDING UP AND ESCAPED JUST BECAUSE I STUCK YOU IN THE PUNISHMENT ROOM? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

...
...
Seems like she didn't find out about the seal.
Pff.
Hah... Haha ha...
Aha ha ha ha!

A LITTLE EARLIER
Yes.
But I'm going to need your help, Takamiya.
!
Anything! Just tell me what I need to do!
A move?
...Do you remember when you healed me the time I was petrified?
I'm sure you do.
When you did that, I was filled with more power than ever before.
We just need to do the same thing!
...?
—Oh!

The same thing?
...You mean...
HUNH ?!
But that method won't be enough to defeat my mother. We need to be joined together even more strongly!
GRAB
HEY, WAI-
It'll only take a second.
So just be quiet and close your eyes!





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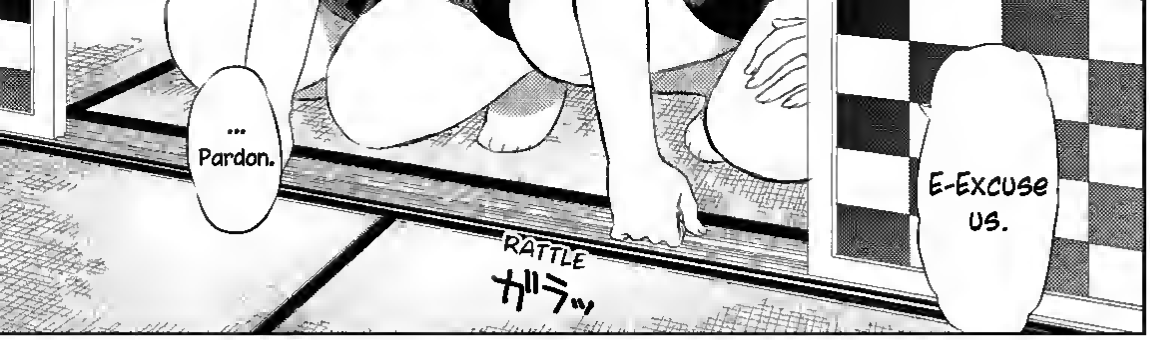
Witchcraft Works



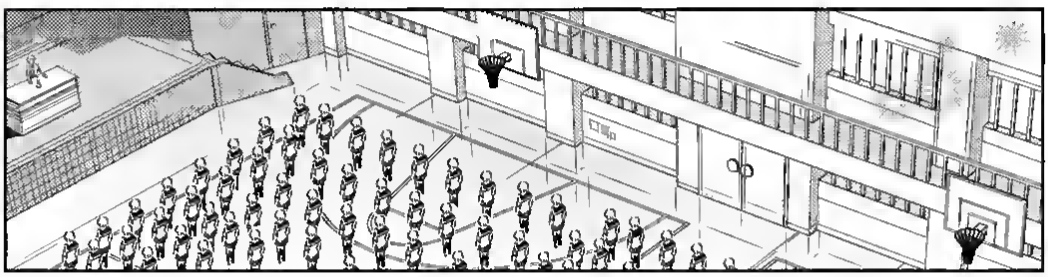
CHAPTER 14 Takamiya and Kagari's Wound

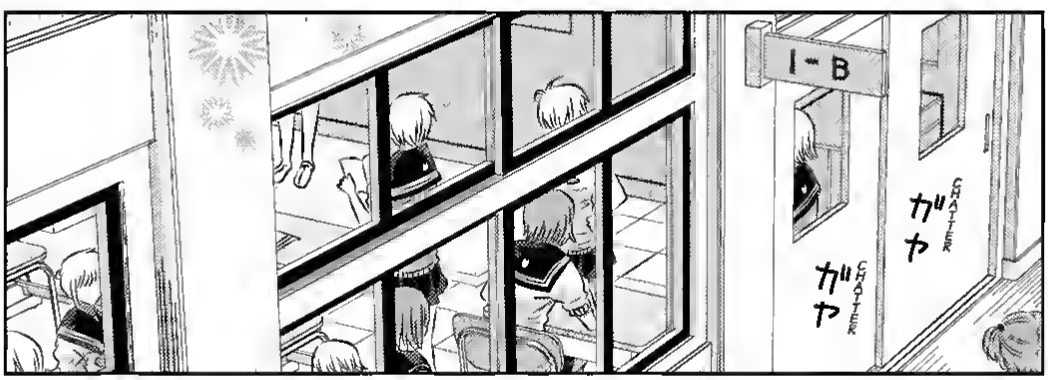
I called you here on the last day of spring break...
because I had a request for you. You're in the same year as her, you see.
Yes, Ma'am. My mother has said to follow whatever orders you give us.
That makes this quite easy, then.
All right.
Come in...

カラッ
RATTLE
Ayaka.
Starting tomorrow, when you begin Middle School, these two classmates will be supporting your new student-life.
If there's anything you don't understand, just ask them.
WCW14
PWOOL

ガラッ
RATTLE
Ayaka.
Starting tomorrow, when you begin Middle school, these two classmates will be supporting your new student-life.

If there's anything you don't understand, just ask them.
WCW!?
PWOOF

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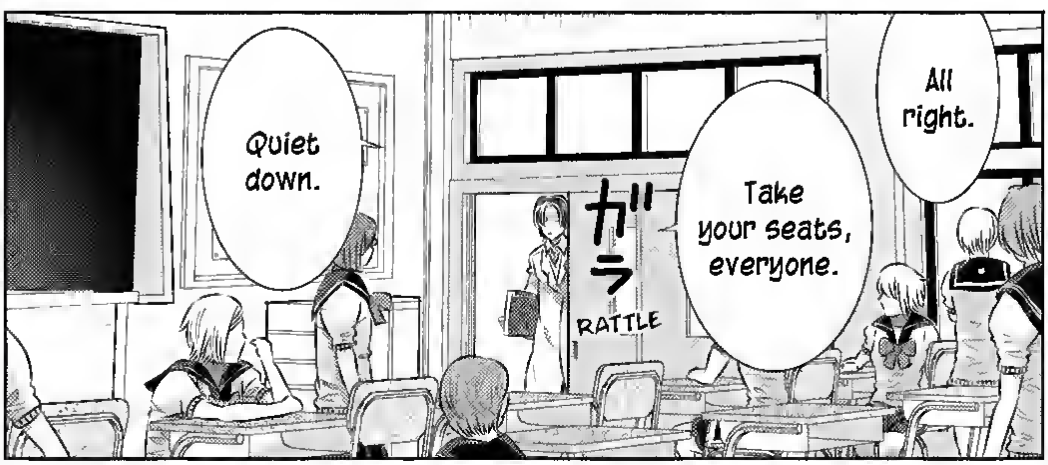
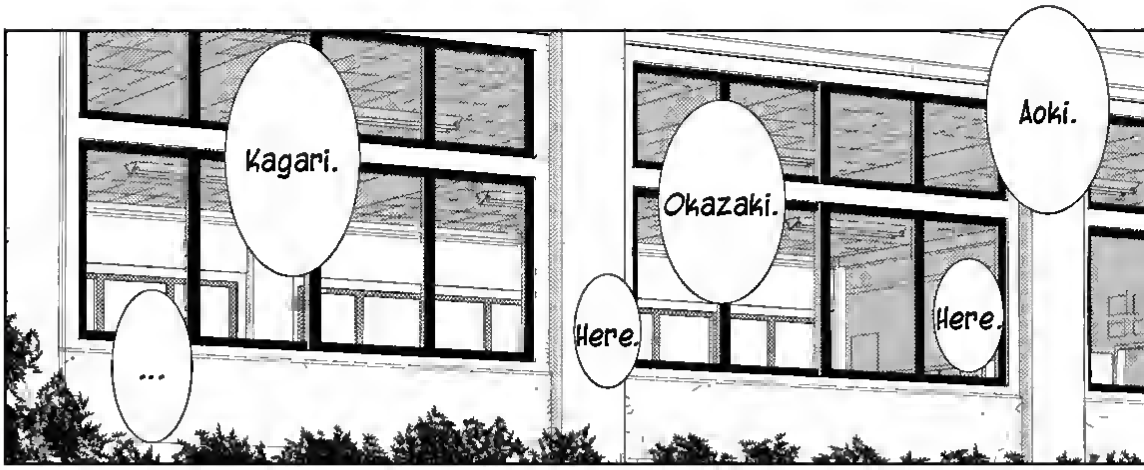
GATTER
ガヤ
GATTER


Quiet down.
ガラ
RATTLE
Take your seats, everyone.
All right.

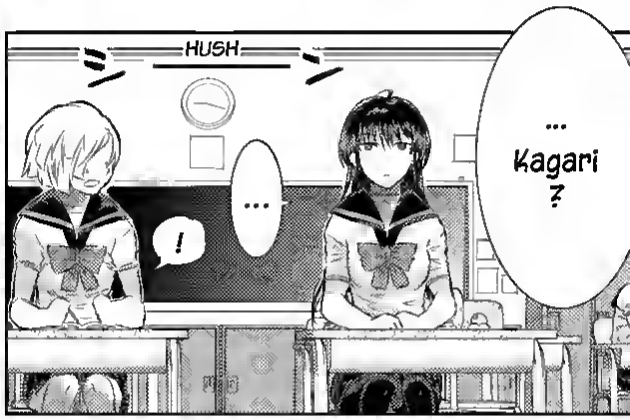
Welcome, new students to
Tougetsu Academy's Adjunct Girls Middle School!
I'll be your homeroom teacher—
Agh!
Touko, you idiot!
KATT
KATT
KATT
KATT
WE'RE ALL LATE BECAUSE YOU SLEPT IN!
I'm sorrryy!
1-B
There!
Class-room 1-B!
EXCUSE US!
CATTLE
I'M SORRY WE'RE LATE!

Kanae Hoozuki, Touko Hio, Ayaka Kagari!
PANT
PANT
All present!
BAM!

Have you heard about that one new girl?
Yeah, there's a super pretty girl in class B now, right?
I heard she's from a really rich family.
She even has two attendants in her class!
REALLY ?!
Let's go see.
There's a huge crowd!
Ah, no thanks.


Kagari.
...
Okazaki.
Here.
Aoki.
Here.

...?
WHISPER
Miss! You need to reply...


HUSH
!
...
... Kagari ?

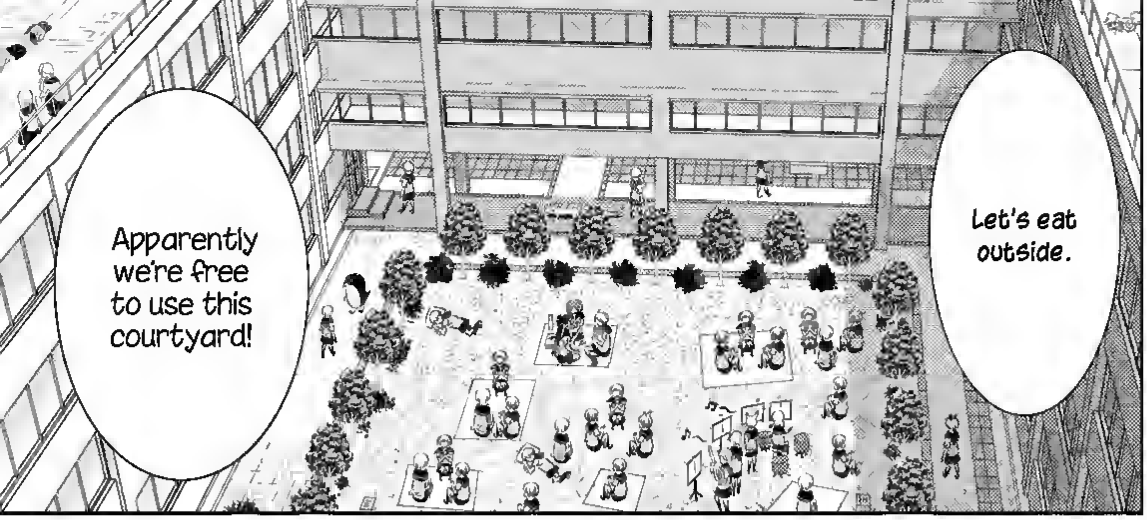
KLOONNK

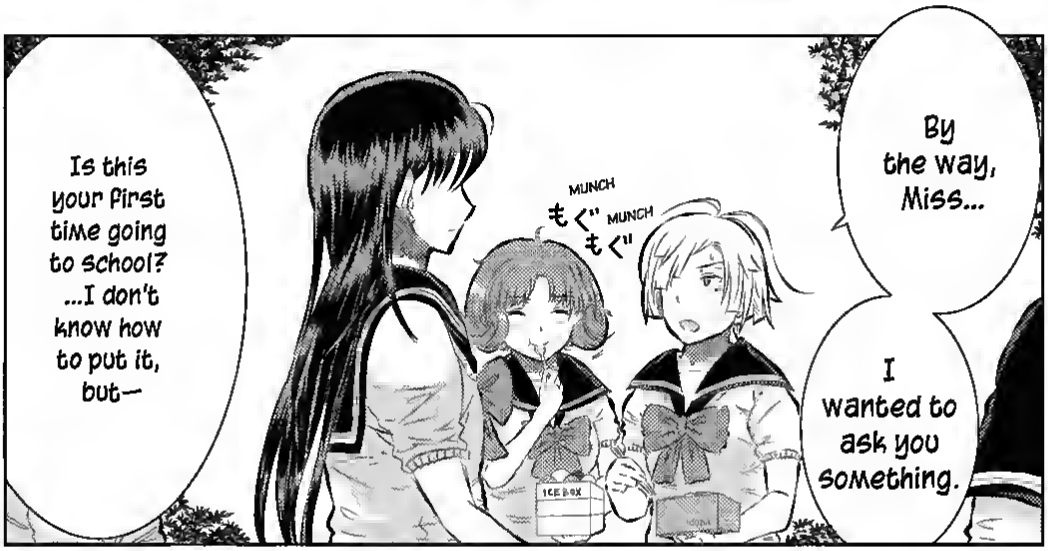
MISS! HIT THE FLYING BALLS BACK!
SNICKER
Kagari's just been standing there this whole time.
...

ドッ
WHOOOAH
ダッ
DASH
KLOONG

ヒュッ
WHOOSH

...
All right, Kagari.
Could you come up to the board and solve this question?
...
WHISPER
Miss! At times like this, you need to go to the blackboard and——
CRICKET
CRICKET
!
...
Kagari ?
Ah.
You seem to be a very smart girl.
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
スラスラ〜
キーン
DING
コーン
DONG
WHOOAH!
...


Let's eat outside.
Apparently we're free to use this courtyard!


By the way, Miss...
I wanted to ask you something.
MUNCH もぐ"
MUNCH もぐ"
Is this your first time going to school? ...I don't know how to put it, but—

Can we eat with you?!?
WHOA!
BOOM

There she is!
?!

What club will you be joining, Kagari?
Kagari, I have this spare bento—
WHOA!
WOW!
KAGARI, IF YOU'RE FREE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY, WOULD YOU —
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT TENNIS, KAGARI! COULD YOU—
AAH!
You're so smart, Kagari! Can you help me with my homework later?
OOH!

You need to stop acting like you're her manager or something.
You're not even that cute!
Oh?
And who exactly are you, Hoozuki?

Listen, everyone! You can't all speak at once!
She is very shy, and...

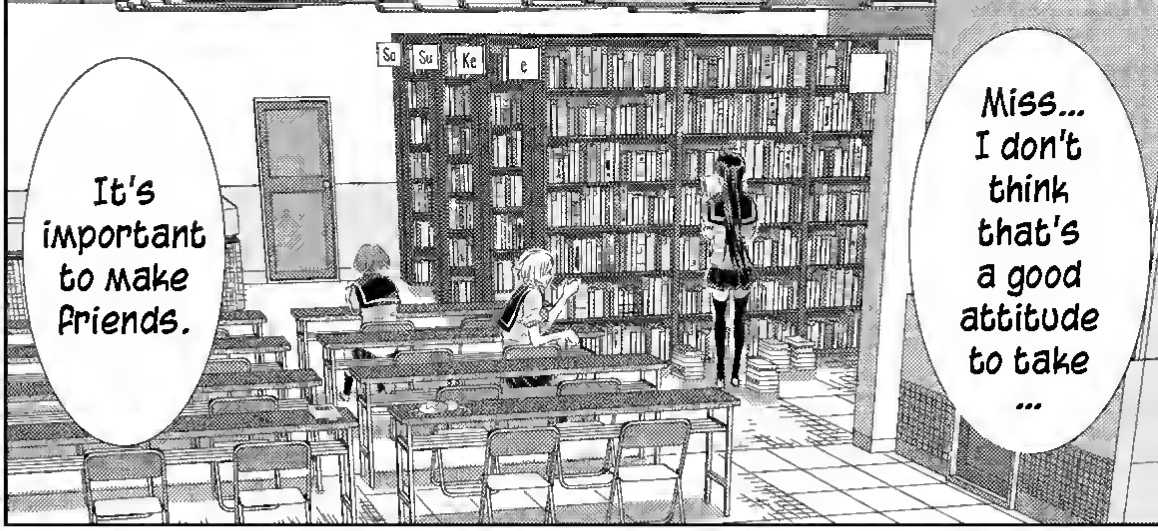
ACK!
...

Ah!!
SHOVE

STAPP
STAPP
すたすた
♬♪

ぽか
STAAARE
ん

MISS
!!
DASH
ダッ

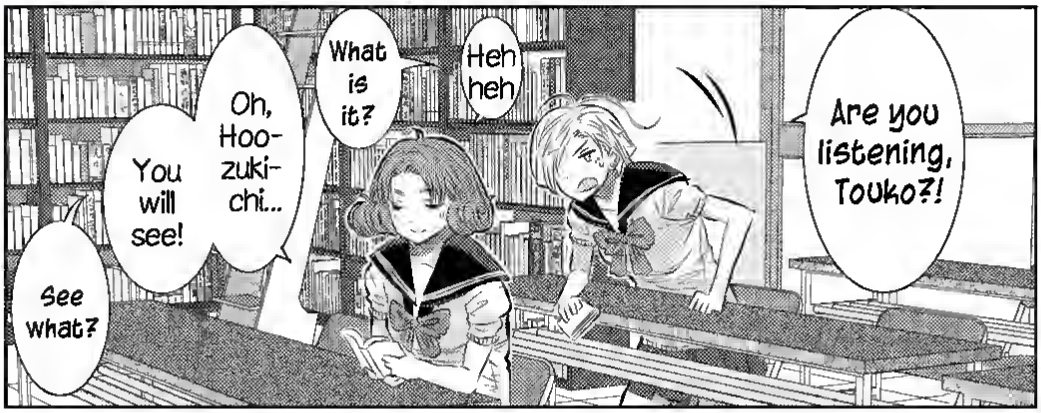

Su
Su
Ke
e
It's important to make friends.
Miss... I don't think that's a good attitude to take ...

...
What exactly are you looking up?
And this habit of yours of coming to the library during your free time...

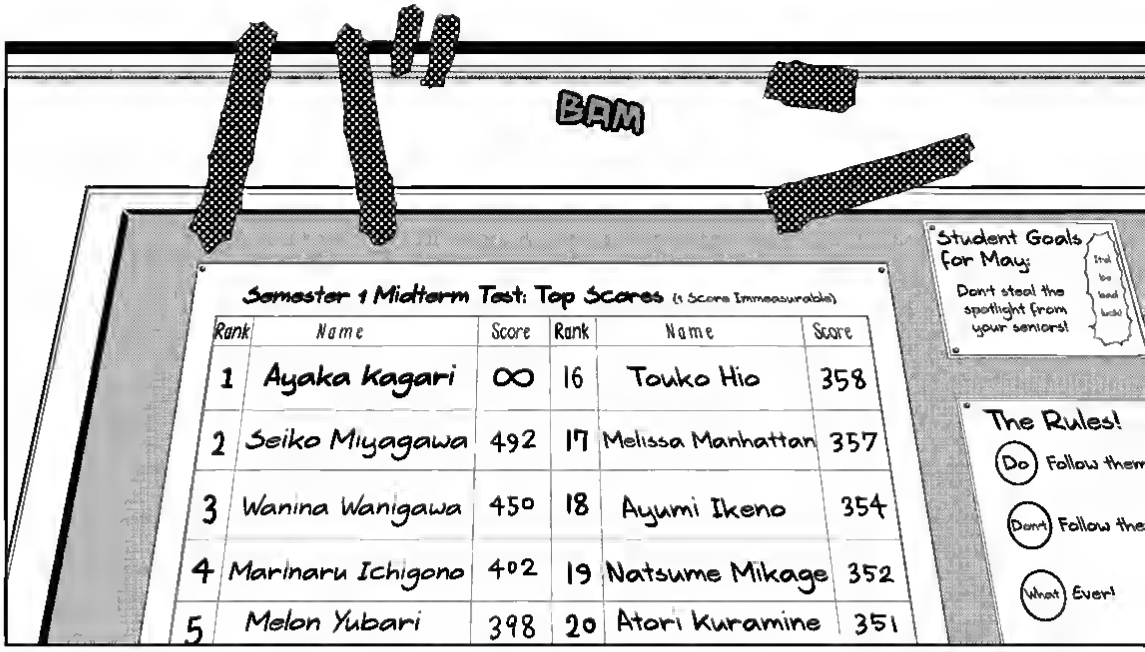
FLIP
パラ

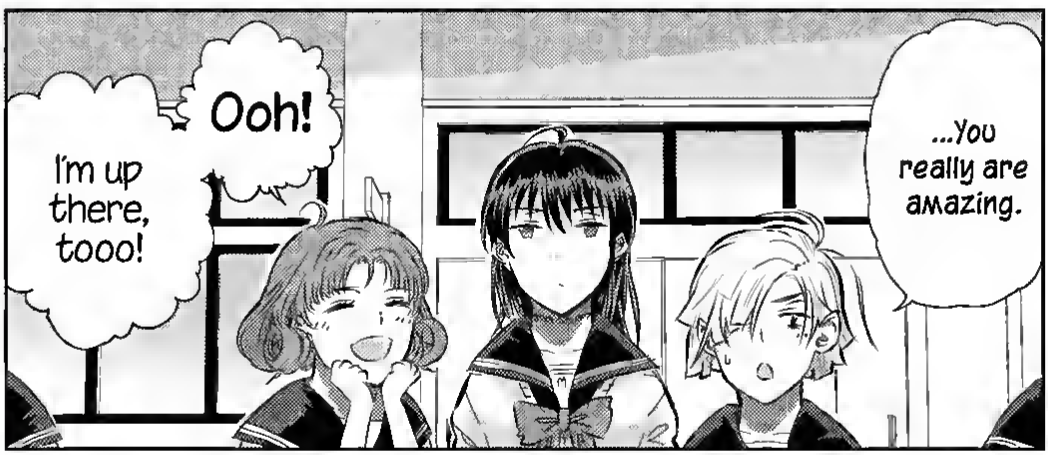
Then I'll just sit here reading manga.
Yeah, yeah. No reply, right? Same as always.
TOGETHER

Touko.
...
...
Is this how we're spending the rest of our youth?
Hey, Touko.
...


See what?
You will see!
Oh, Hoo-zuki-chi...
What is it?
Heh heh
Are you listening, Touko?!

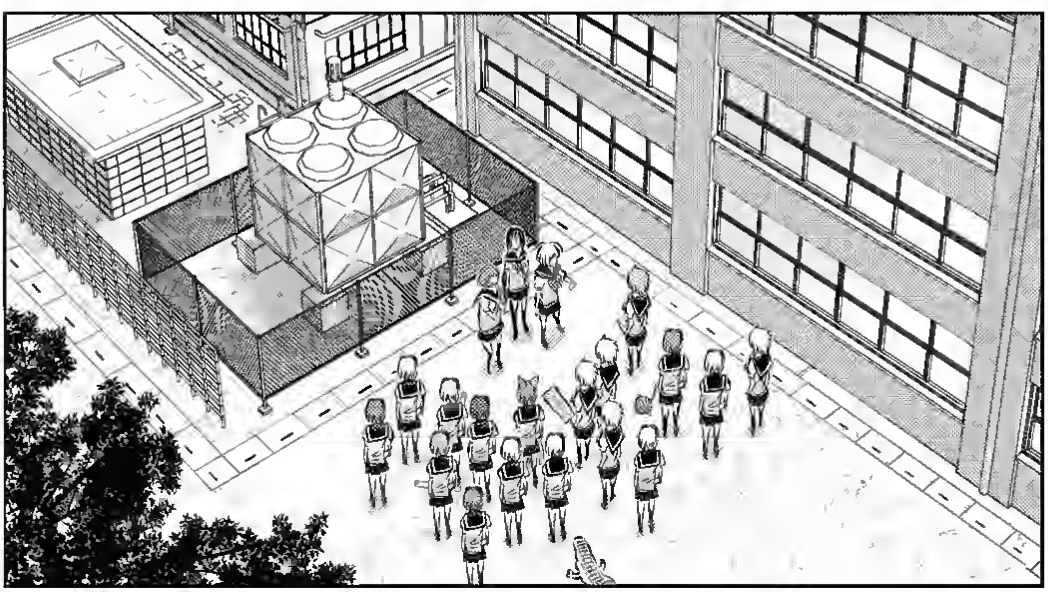
It would still be more fun...
to just be by her side!
Even if the alternative was becoming friends
with every other student in schooool...


BAM
Semester 1 Midterm Test: Top Scores (1 Score Immeasurable)
Rank Name Score Rank Name Score
1 Ayaka Kagari 00 16 Touko Hio 358
2 Seiko Miyagawa 492 17 Melissa Manhattan 357
3 Wanina Wanigawa 450 18 Ayumi Ikeno 354
4 Marinaru Ichigono 402 19 Natsume Mikage 352
5 Melon Yubari 398 20 Atori Kuramine 351
Student Goals for May:
Don't steal the spotlight from your seniors!
The Rules!
Do Follow them
Don't Follow the
What Ever!

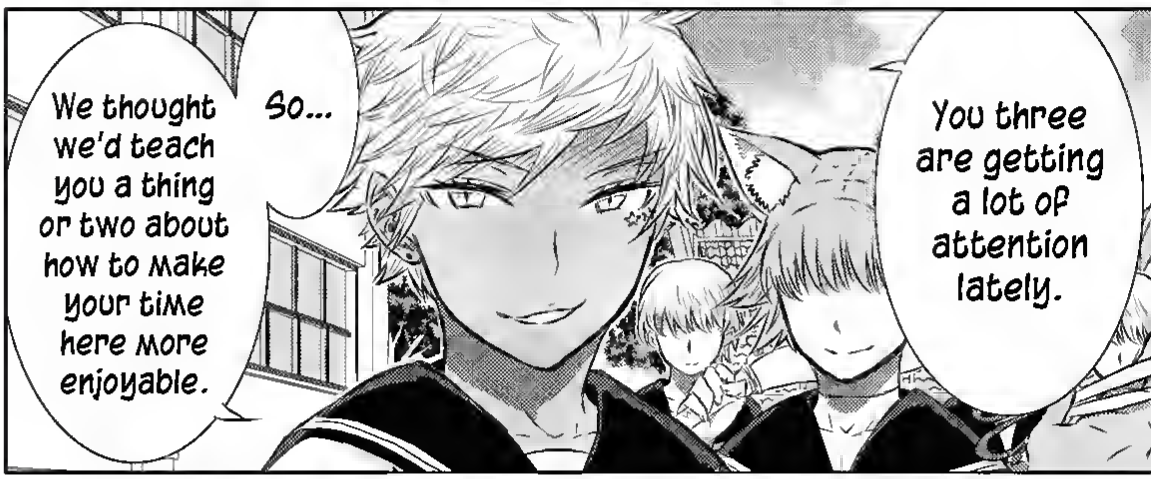

Ooh!
I'm up there, tooo!
...You really are amazing.

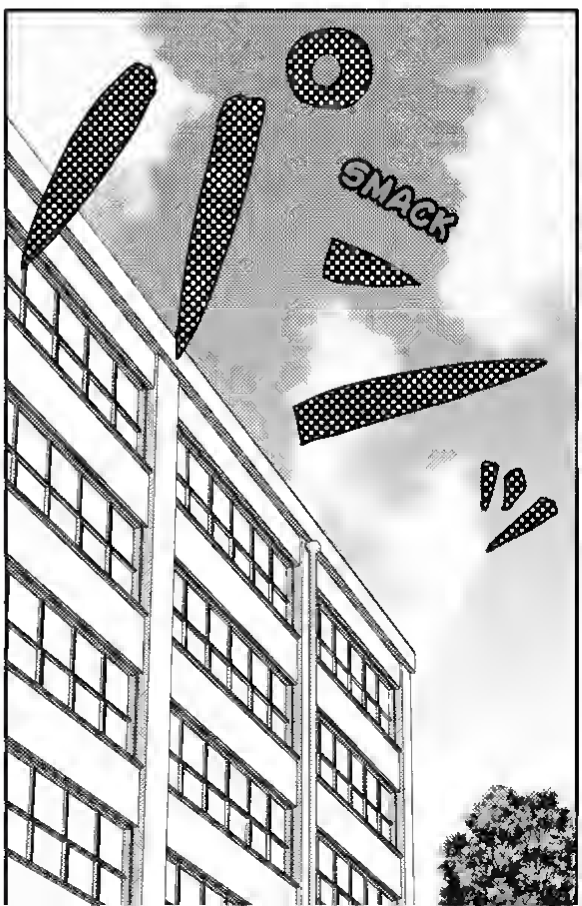
You must be Kagari.
ZAKK
!

Think you could come with us for a minute?



So, why did you want to speak to us new students?
...


We thought we'd teach you a thing or two about how to make your time here more enjoyable.
So...
You three are getting a lot of attention lately.


SMACK

THANKS, WE'RE FINE!
YOU BETTER NOT FIGHT BACK! IF YOU DO-
CREEP
すい

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST GET AWAY WITH DISOBEYING ONE OF YOUR SENIOR—
WH...
CLANK
カラン

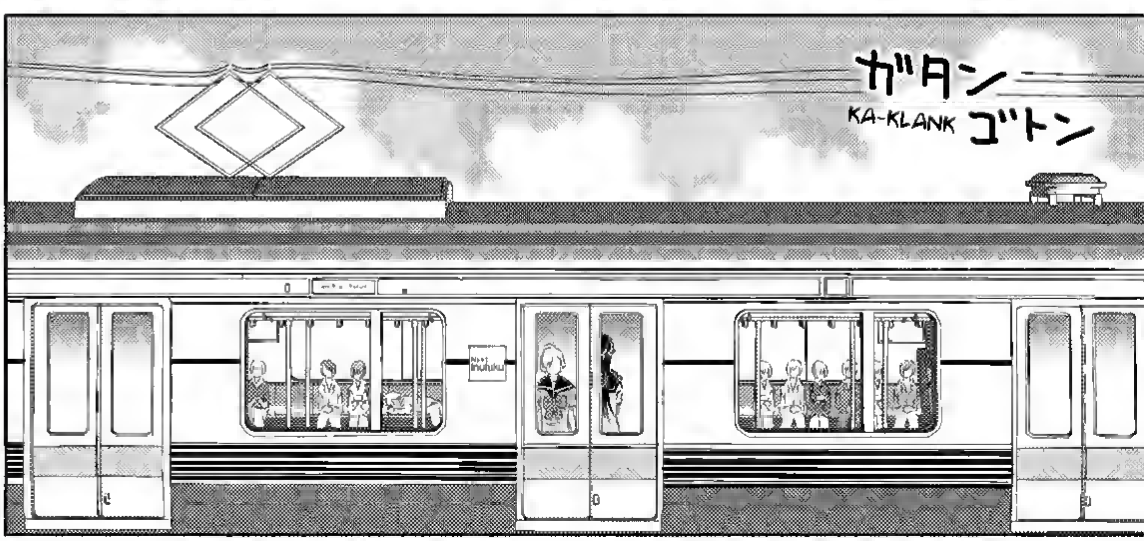
?!
THUNK
ガーン
There's only one person in this world who can do as they please with me.

SWOON
ふらっ

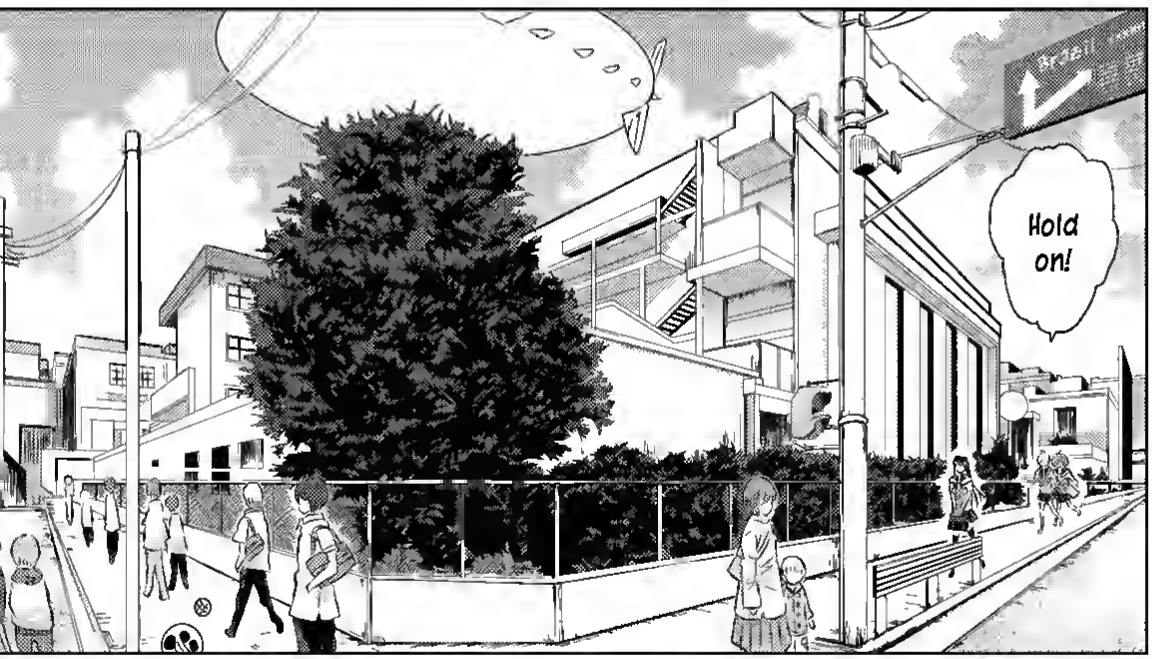
And that person isn't among you.
THUD

すた STEP
すた STEP
MISS!! WHAT HAVE YOU...

What should I do next? Boil their blood?
I just raised their body temperature slightly...
コッ KLOK


ガタン KA-KLANK ゴトン

プシュー
PSSHH
LEAP
HEY!
NEXT STOP
INUFUKU
So you're not going to the library today...?
ガタンゴトン
KA-KLK-KZCL
...
Where to then?


Hold on!

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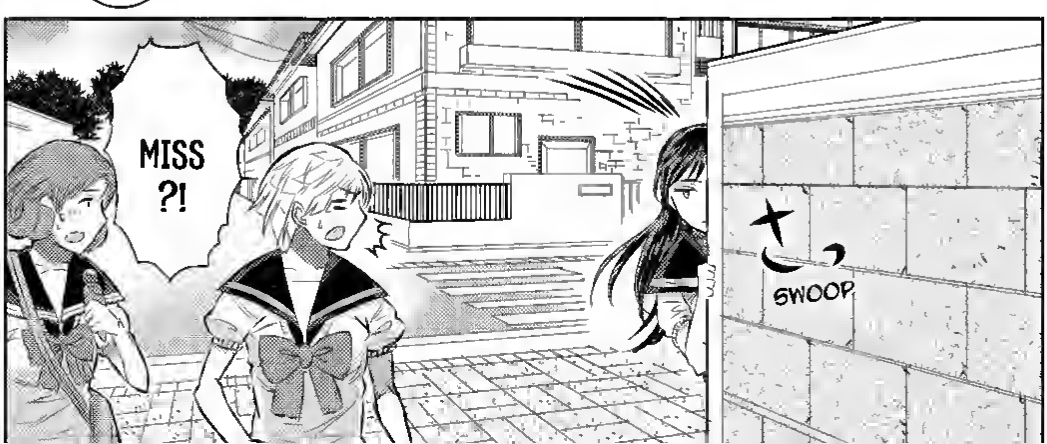
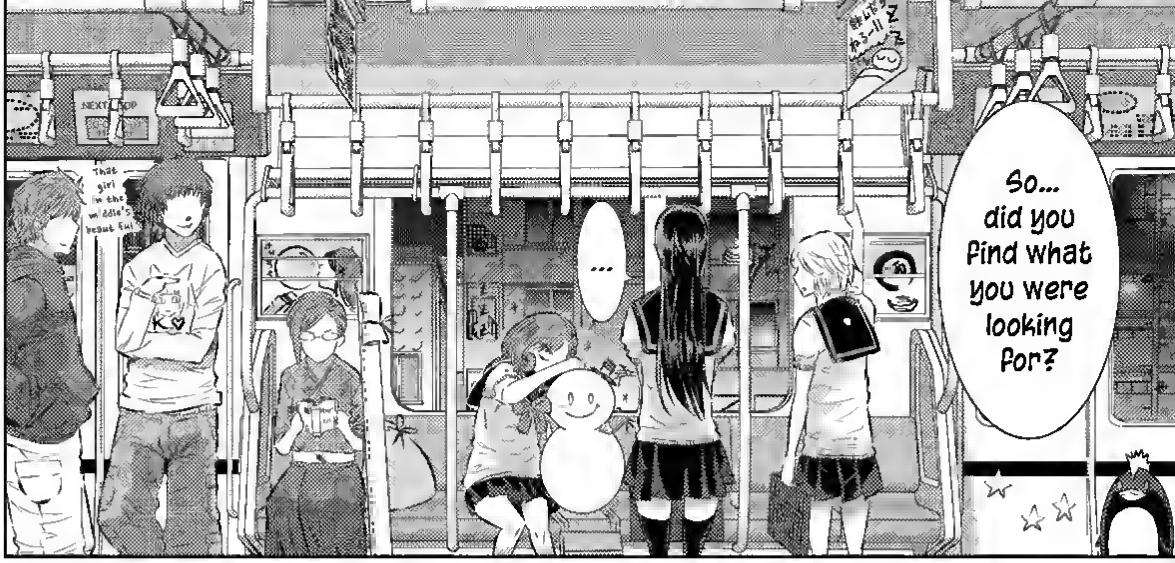
This is a...

Boys' School ??
INUFUKU MIDDLE SCHOOL – TOUGETSU CITY

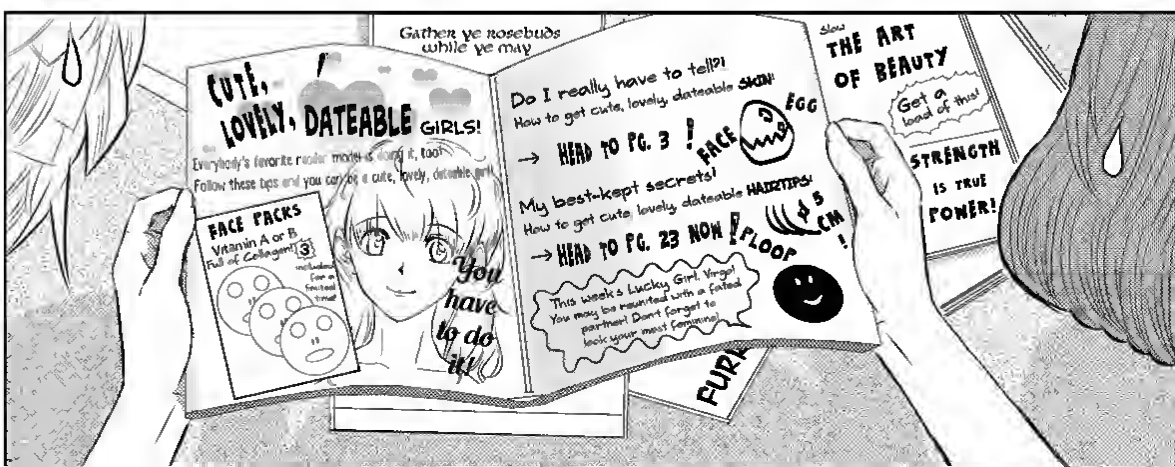

MISS ?!
SWOOP

...
!!
Could that be what you were looking up in the library?
You're hiding?
How unusual.
Are you searching for someone?
CHATTER CHATTER
NOD
KAW KAW
ZZZ


NEXT STOP
That girl in the middle's pretty fat.
...
So... did you find what you were looking for?

キーン
DING
コーン
DONG
カーン
DANG
コーン
DONG

Hm?
Is that...

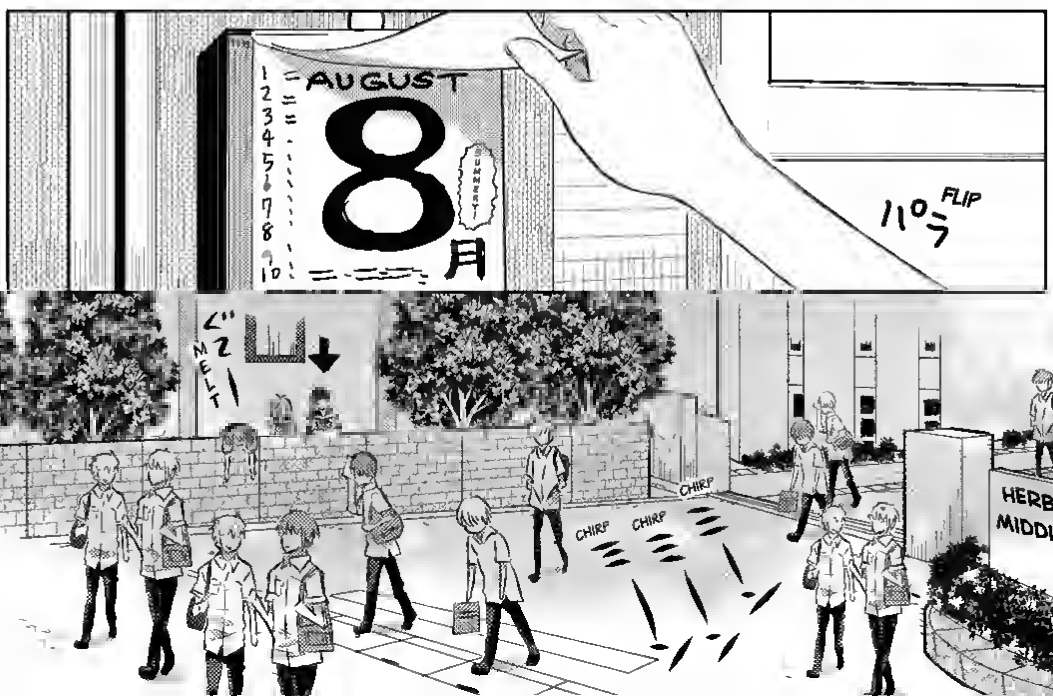

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may
CUTE, LOVELY, DATEABLE GIRLS!
Everybody's favorite reader means is doing it, too!
Follow these tips and you can be a cute, lovely, dateable girl!
FACE PACKS
Vitamin A or B, Full of Collagen! 3
including free in-store trial
You have to do it!
Do I really have to tell?!
How to get cute, lovely, dateable SKIN!
→ HEAD TO PG. 3 !
FACE
EGG
My best-kept secrets!
How to get cute, lovely, dateable HAIRTIPS!
→ HEAD TO PG. 23 NOW !
FLOOR
5 CM
This week's Lucky Girl, Virgo! You may be haunted with a fated partner! Don't forget to look your most feminine!
FURI
Slow
THE ART OF BEAUTY
Get a load of this!
STRENGTH is TRUE POWER!

Hah...
You don't need this kind of stuff, Miss.
You're fine as you—
So,
we're getting dragged into this, too?
Miss,
would you like to try this one, as well?
It'll help fill out your breasts—
KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK

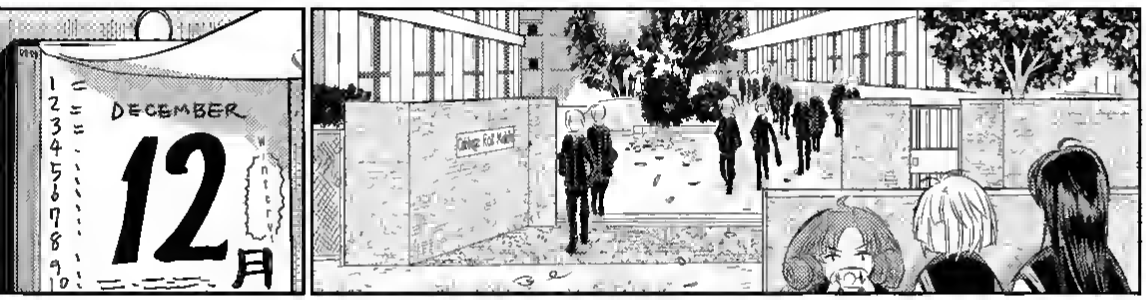
TROD
TROD

GAAH!
IT'S STILL DARK OUT!
WHY ARE WE RUNNING AT 4 IN THE MORNING!

What?
How to get a more toned body?
I guess there's running, or dance...
But Miss, you're already very...

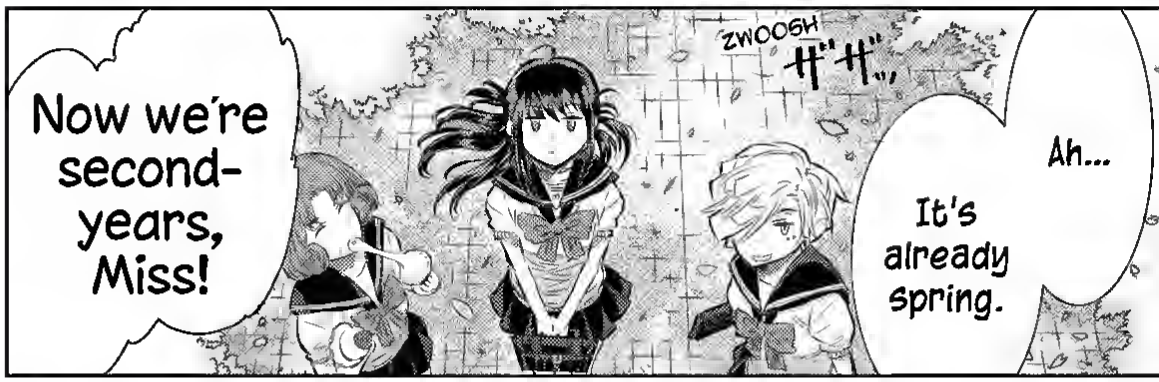

AUGUST
8
月
FLIP
MELT
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
HERBIVORE MIDDLE SCHOO

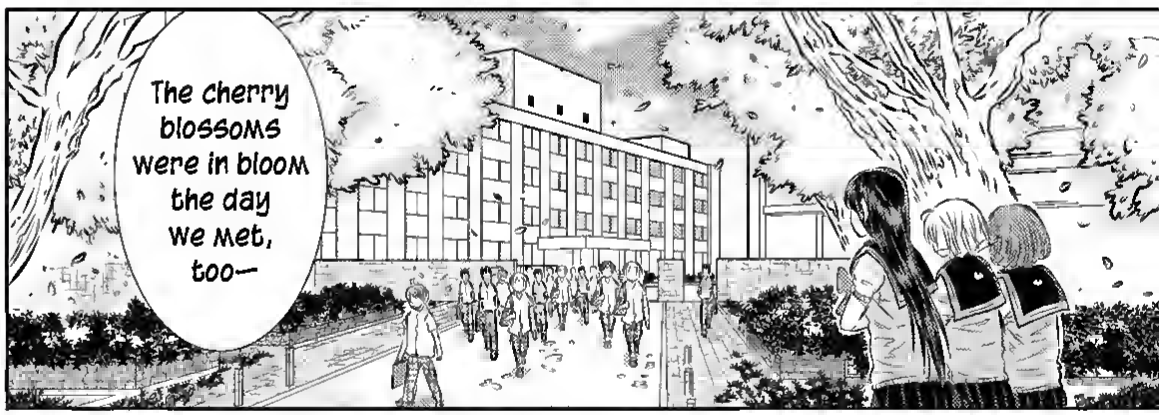
YEAAAAH
POP
PA POW
PYOO
Look over here!
Kyaa!
Miss Kagari!!
As gorgeous as ever!!
She's practically the school idol now...


DECEMBER
12
月

AND HOLD ON, IT'S WINTER, YOU KNOW !!
It's chilly...
Miss, this makes seventy middle schools we've cased.

Happy New Year!
HERE'S TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!
Did you gain weight?
On New Years...
Aha ha ha!


Now we're second-years, Miss!
ZWOOSH
Ah...
It's already spring.


The cherry blossoms were in bloom the day we met, too—

DASH!!
ばっ
BAM
Miss ?!

...I found him!

TUG
ズキ
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
Miss!

...I found him!

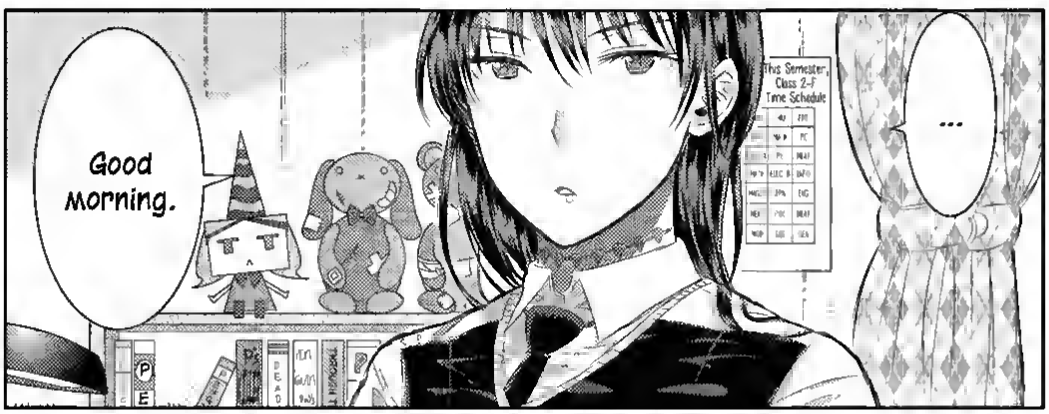
Mmh
...

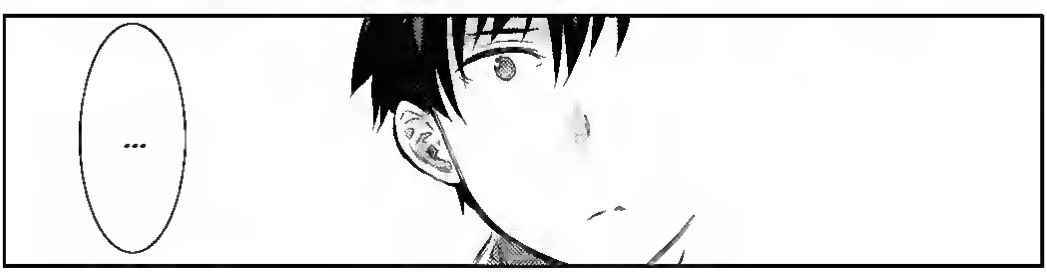
BLINK
ぱちっ
JERK
むくり
SNORE
SLAM
penguin Life

BAM
Big Brother's Room

SHHHUNK
It's Morning, Takamiya.
...Hm?
Wake up.

...Morning, Kagari.
PWOOF
ぽふ
YAAAWN
ふあぁ


Good Morning.
This Semester, Class 2-F Time Schedule
...


...

You know... I had a strange dream last night.
A dream?
About you in Middle school, Kagari...

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A dream?

About you in Middle school, Kagari...

UGH ...
MY HEAD'S POUND-ING.
KLAK
WOBBLE WOBBLE
I remember getting home last night...
But why's it already morning by the time I wake up?

Good morning, Kasumi.
Oh!
GRA AH!
CHEW

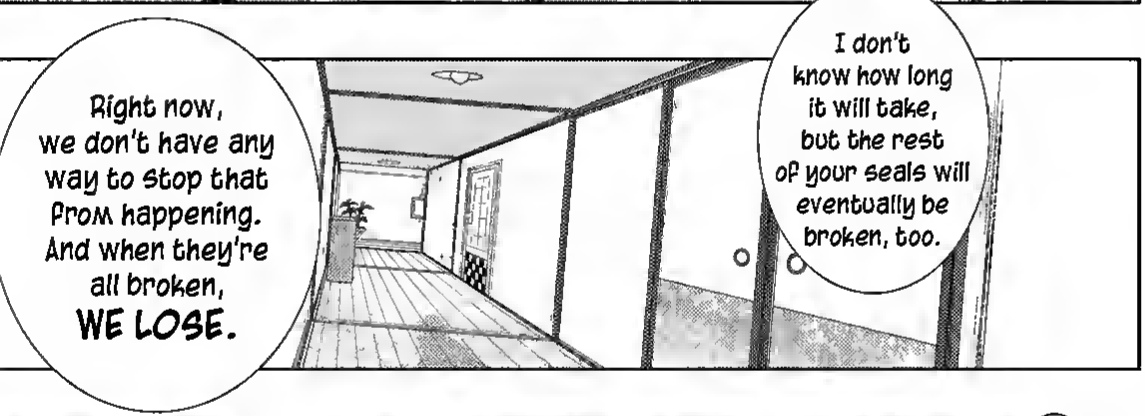
WHAT?! IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU, MOM?! THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU, MOM!! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, MOMMM?!?!
They're your new family!
WHY ARE ALL OF YOU HERE ?!?
THUD
BAM
THUK
SHUK
SHUK
SHUK
SHUK

Present

Witchcraft Works

Yes.
Every single day from now on.
...This is something that has to be done, right?

I'll go get Honoka.
トン THUNK
トン THUNK
トン THUNK
So from here on out ...
One of the five seals inside of you has been broken, Takamiya.


Right now, we don't have any way to stop that from happening. And when they're all broken, WE LOSE.
I don't know how long it will take, but the rest of your seals will eventually be broken, too.

Honoka?
No. Just the usual.
Does your body feel strange at all?
Taka-Miya.

KASUMI ?!
TH-THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
KAGARI WAS JUST CHECKING TO MAKE SURE MY BODY WAS FINE!
YOU KNOW HOW IT'S DANGEROUS NOW THAT MY SEAL WAS BROKEN, RIGHT?
HEH, WELL, THE NURSE OUTFIT IS A BIT SURPRISING, EH?
Listen, Mom found this in the back of her drawers...
And then she convinced Kagari that I'd be happy if she wore it...
SO ANYWAY, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
WELL, YOU KNOW!
IT'S LIKE... THAT, YOU KNOW...?

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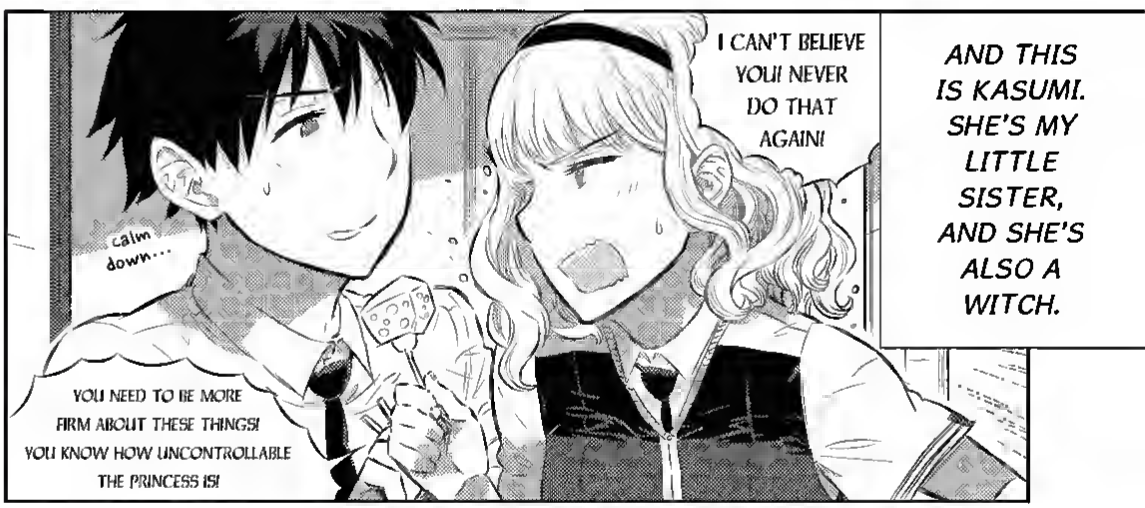
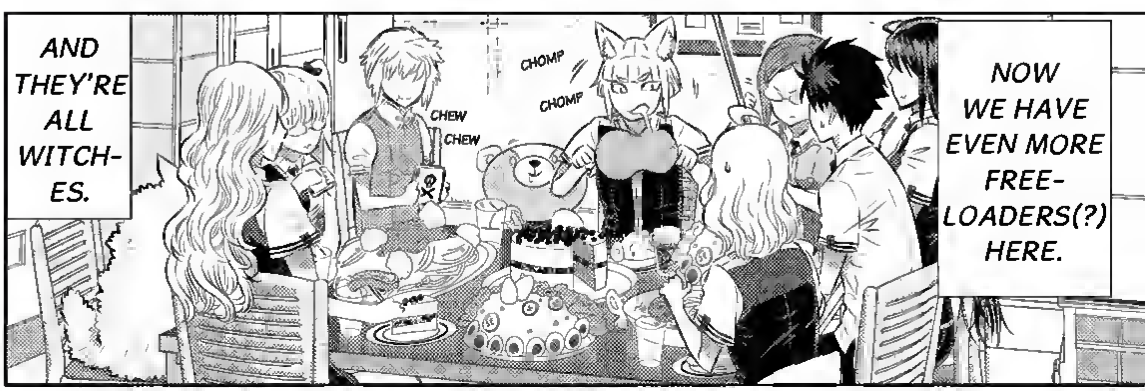
THIS IS KAGARI. SHE'S THE WITCH WHO'S PROTECTING ME.
FOR NOW, SHE'S LIVING WITH ME.
I'M A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO, THROUGH A STRANGE CHAIN OF EVENTS, GOT WRAPPED UP IN A BATTLE BETWEEN WITCHES.
MY NAME IS HONOKA TAKA-MIYA.
CHEW
CHEW
CHOMP


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU! NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!
AND THIS IS KASUMI. SHE'S MY LITTLE SISTER, AND SHE'S ALSO A WITCH.
calm down...
YOU NEED TO BE MORE FIRM ABOUT THESE THINGS! YOU KNOW HOW UNCONTROLLABLE THE PRINCESS IS!

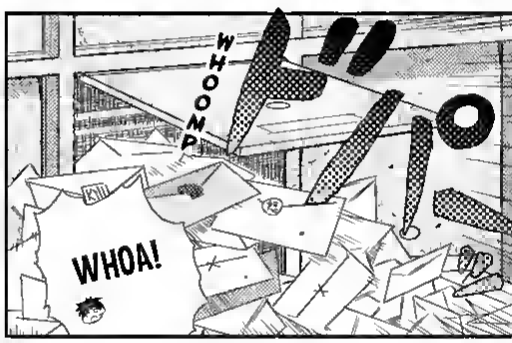

AND THEY'RE ALL WITCH-ES.
CHEW
CHEW
CHOMP
CHOMP
NOW WE HAVE EVEN MORE FREE-LOADERS(?) HERE.

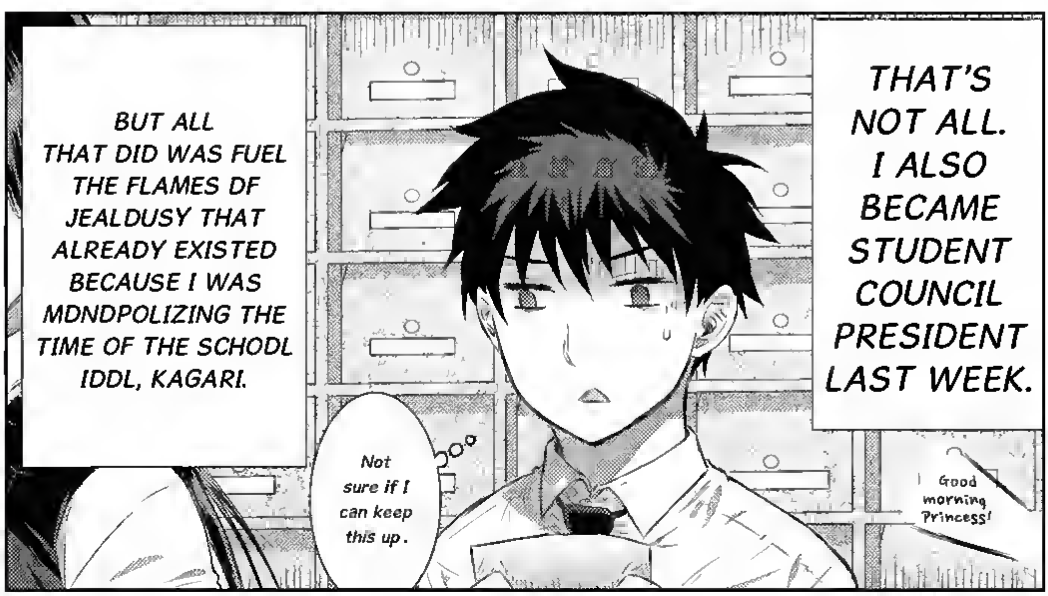
Takamiya, about earlier...
GRRR
Hm?

I wasn't exaggerating. I meant what I said.
Even if you find yourself in trouble from now on...
You absolutely cannot allow yourself to wish for power.
GAAH!

A POWERFUL BEING CALLED THE WHITE PRINCESS IS SEALED WITHIN MY BODY.
...
Morning, Princess!
G'day, Princess!
I'M BEING TARGETED BECAUSE OF SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME.
Morning!

DIE DIE DIE DIE, DIE DIE DIE!
QUIT THE STUDENT COUNCIL
And stop hogging the Princess!
...


WHOOMP
WHOA!


BUT ALL THAT DID WAS FUEL THE FLAMES DF JEALDUSY THAT ALREADY EXISTED BECAUSE I WAS MDNDPOLIZING THE TIME OF THE SCHODL IDDL, KAGARI.
THAT'S NOT ALL. I ALSO BECAME STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAST WEEK.
Not sure if I can keep this up.
Good morning Princess!

Hey, isn't that ...

Don't look at her, MORON! Are you trying to get us killed?!

So, everyone.

Are you ready?

Yes!

Okay!
KLUNK
LOVE
So, for this problem...
Why don't you solve it for us, Takamiya?

Time for all that studying to pay—
ALL RIGHT... NEED TO LOOK GOOD HERE.

You're pretty stupid, aren't ya?
KA HA HA!
I don't know why, but it stings more when ear-girl says it!

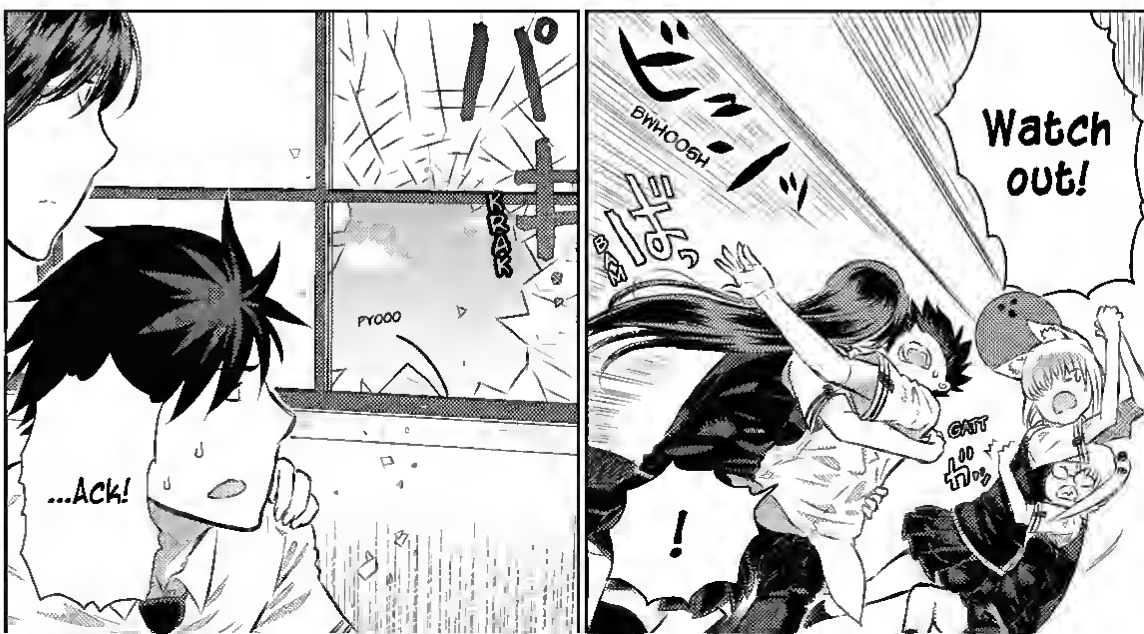
THUD
I don't know the answer.
SNICKER
SNICKER
I GUESS A WEEK OR SO OF STUDY WON'T TURN THINGS AROUND THAT DRAMATICALLY...

DING
DING
DONG
DONG
DING
DONG
Next would be Study Hall. Let's go.
CHIT CHAT
CHIT CHAT
SCHEDULE
CHATTER
CHATTER

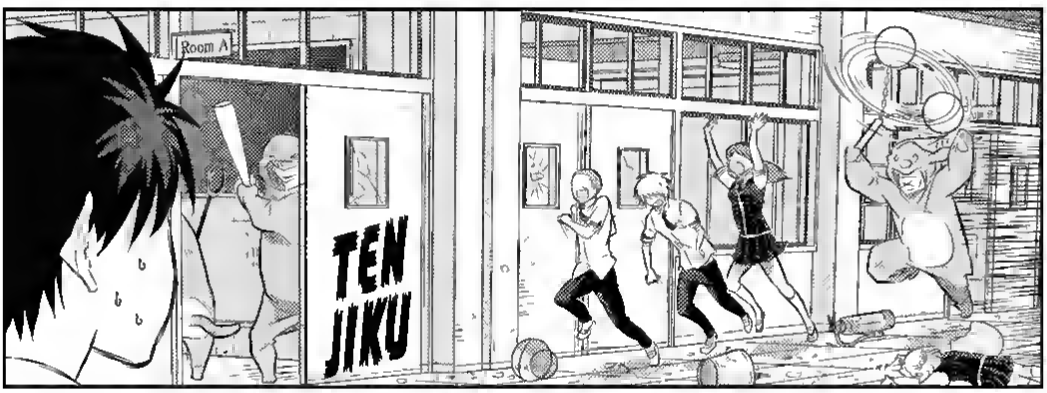
What's going on?!
Wh—
BAM

AAAAHHH!!
KRRRRSH!

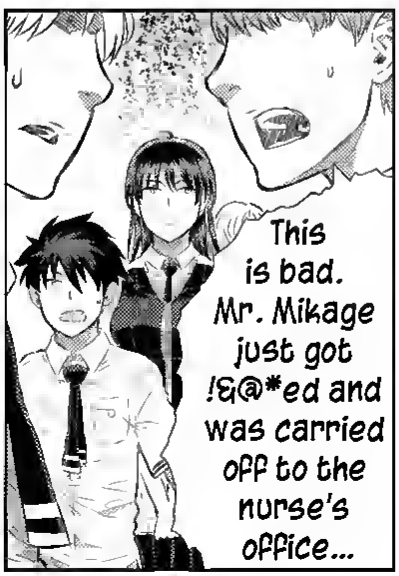
GRRR
TEN BAKU
?!


...ACK!
PYOOO
KRRK
BWHOOSH
Watch out!
CAT
!

Room A
woof
woof
TEN JIKU
KYAAAHH!!


Room A
TEN JIKU

Awesome! You're such a baddie!
When I see abandoned puppies on the street, I just keep walking!


This is bad. Mr. Mikage just got !&@*ed and was carried off to the nurse's office...

BASE
Hanako
Toilet #3
This is our castle! Scram!
Eek!
What's going on?! The school's been turned into a lawless madhouse!
WUZ HERE !!
It's like all these delinquents decided to attack at once!
ROOAR
THUNK
THUNK
AAH ...!
BOOM
KYA AHH!
HEY, YOU!!
BABOOM
KRAASH
Hey!

HOW DID OUR PREP SCHOOL SUDDENLY TURN INTO A SCHOOL FOR DELIN-QUENTS ?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Room A
CHIPS
BRING IT!

...This is bad.
Kagari!

This is...
a revolt.

How do the masses feel when they're led by someone they don't support?
Yes. Think about leaders around the world.

...
A revolt?

You're the leader of this school, Takamiya. You're the student council president, remember?
EXCUSE ME?
Slow on the uptake, huh?
PEEK
?

They riot.
Huh?? Well... I guess... they become unhappy?
Or Madz

So you're saying a REBELLION started because of my lack of support after becoming student council president ?!?
THOOOM
ドギャーン
WHA AAT ?!
...
...
...
TICK TOCK
TICK TOCK

?!
SKRRRK
AA HH !!
TOUKO !!
BAM

?!
ZAKK
DEATH
8
PRECEPTS
I've found you, sir student council president!
What's this?
So that's where you were.
RATTLE
KATT

ZAKK
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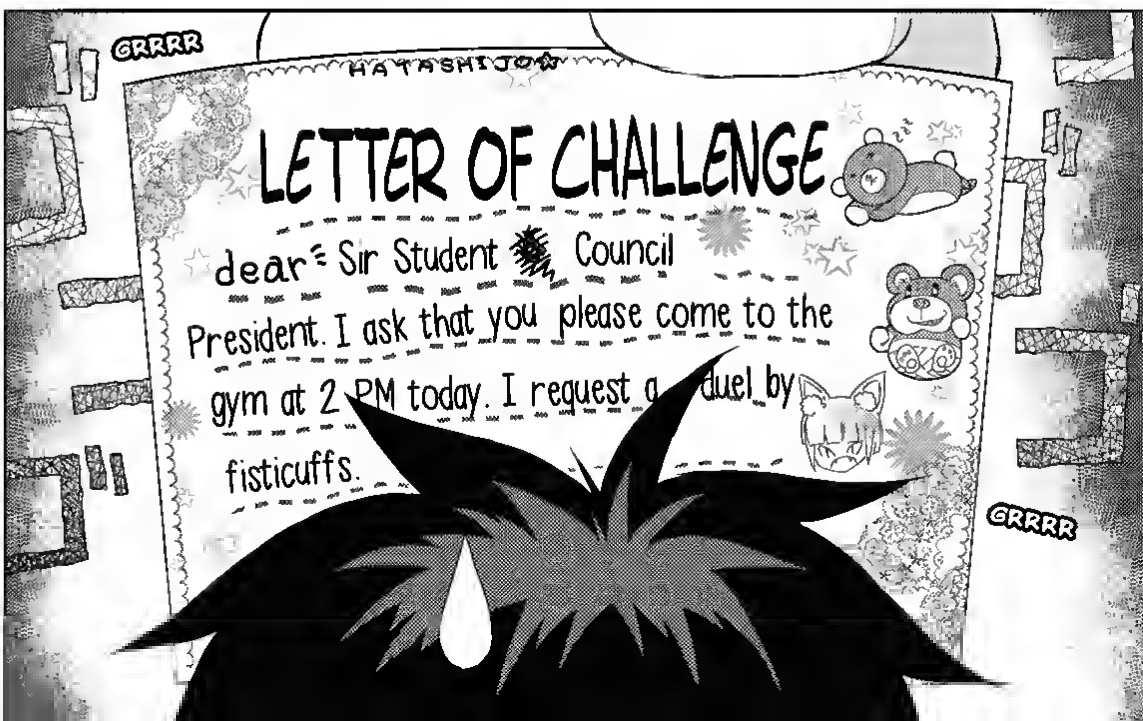
KATT

But you... you are Takamiya, yes?
No one whose name is worth knowing.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Wh-who are you?
HUH?
Oh, yeah.

Read.
This.
Right!


GRRRR
HAYASHIJO
LETTER OF CHALLENGE
dear Sir Student Council President. I ask that you please come to the gym at 2 PM today. I request a duel by fisticuffs.
GRRRR

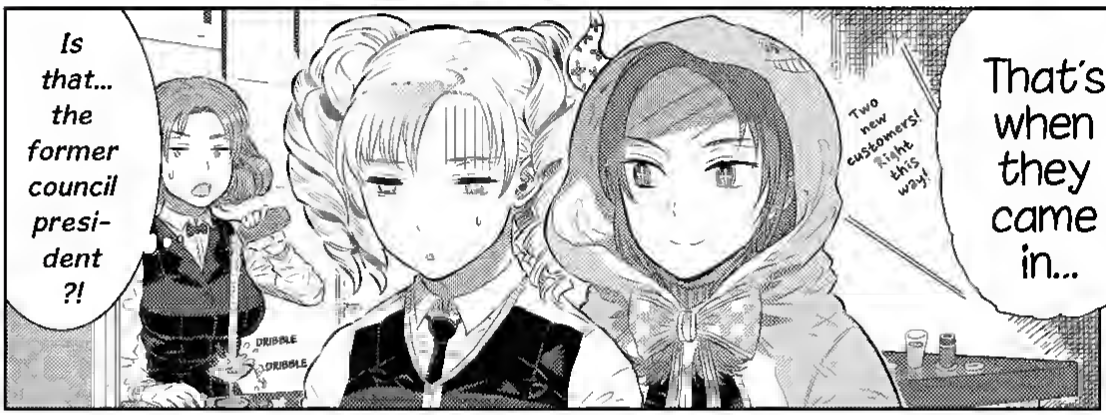
Come to the gym.
AND YOU BETTER BE ALONE.
BAM
A duel ...?
After school!
For the time being, we'll stop causing trouble.
Later.

Wuhh ?!

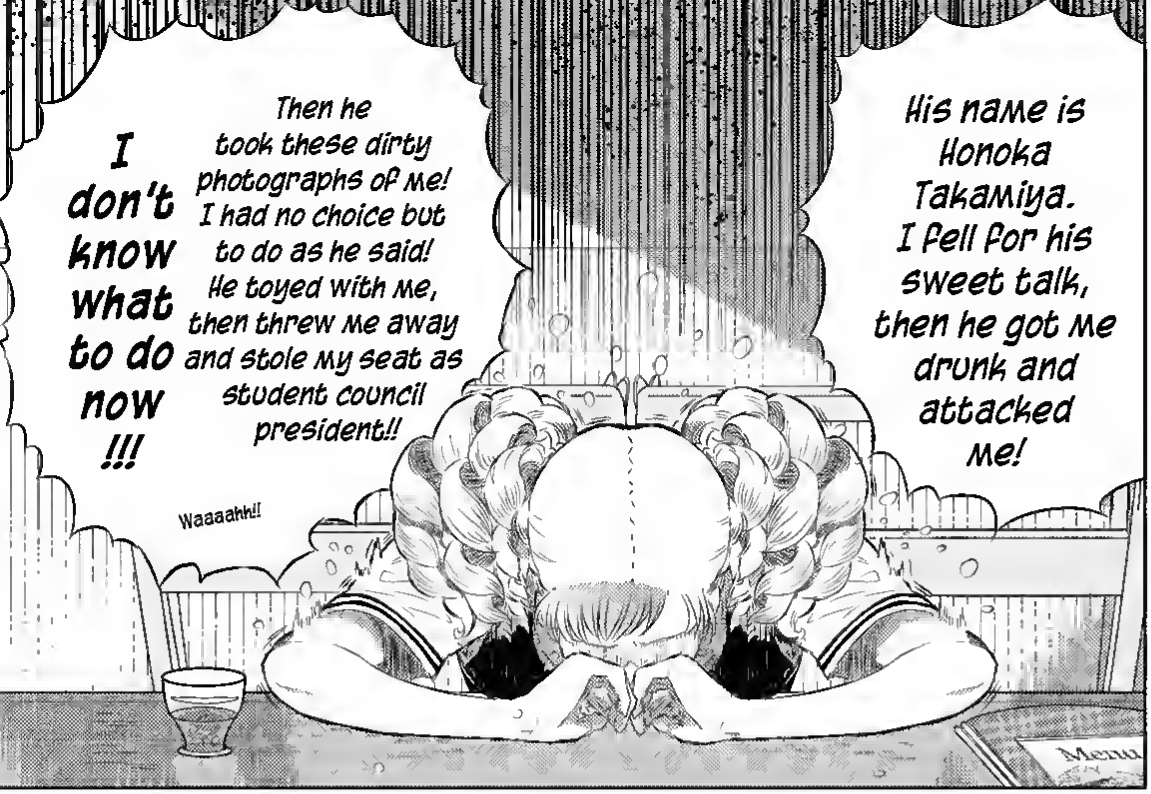
ゾロ MARCH
MARCH ゾロ
...

I...
thiink... I know...
HUH ?
Uugh... Takami-yaaa...
TOUKO!

You see... Last night, I was just working at my job as a bartender, and...
SHAKA SHAKA
A BARTENDER ?!
She has a few jobs.
KLING-A-LING
Welcome.


That's when they came in...
Two new customers! Right this way!
Is that... the former council presi-dent ?!
DRIBBLE
DRIBBLE

...
Is that really true?
...Yes.
He's such a horrible man...
Ahh!

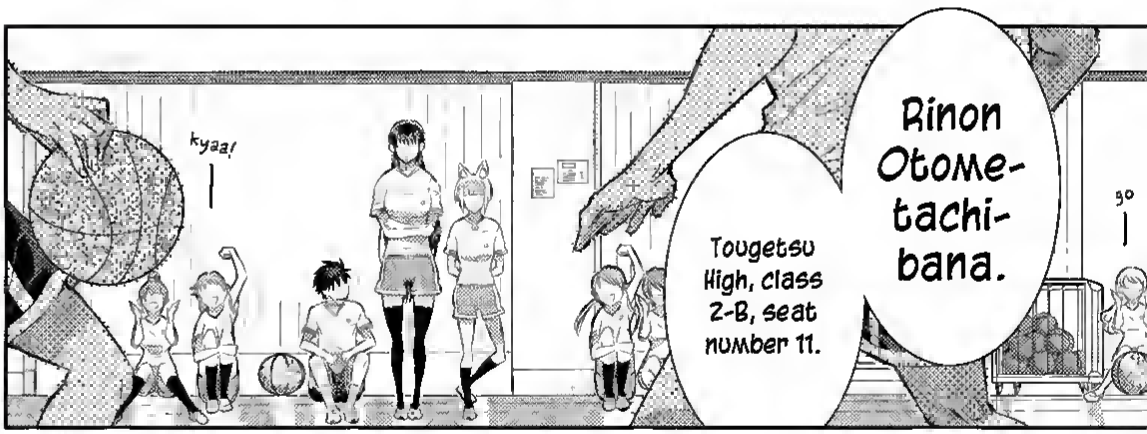

His name is Honoka Takamiya. I fell for his sweet talk, then he got me drunk and attacked me!
Then he took these dirty photographs of me! I had no choice but to do as he said! He toyed with me, then threw me away and stole my seat as student council president!!
I don't know what to do now !!!
Waaaahh!!
Menu

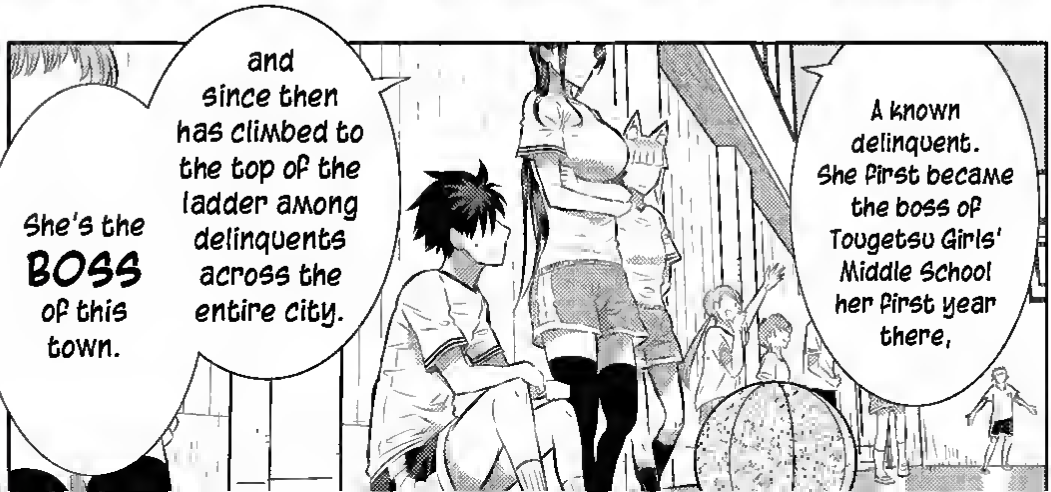
Where's the former president today?
Taking the day off...

It was a host of lies to make you look like the bad guy!
I see.

Don't worry, Taka-miya.
I'll—
SWISH
...No.

...


kyaa!
Rinon Otome-tachi-bana.
Tougetsu High, class 2-B, seat number 11.
go


A known delinquent. She first became the boss of Tougetsu Girls' Middle School her first year there,
and since then has climbed to the top of the ladder among delinquents across the entire city.
She's the BOSS of this town.

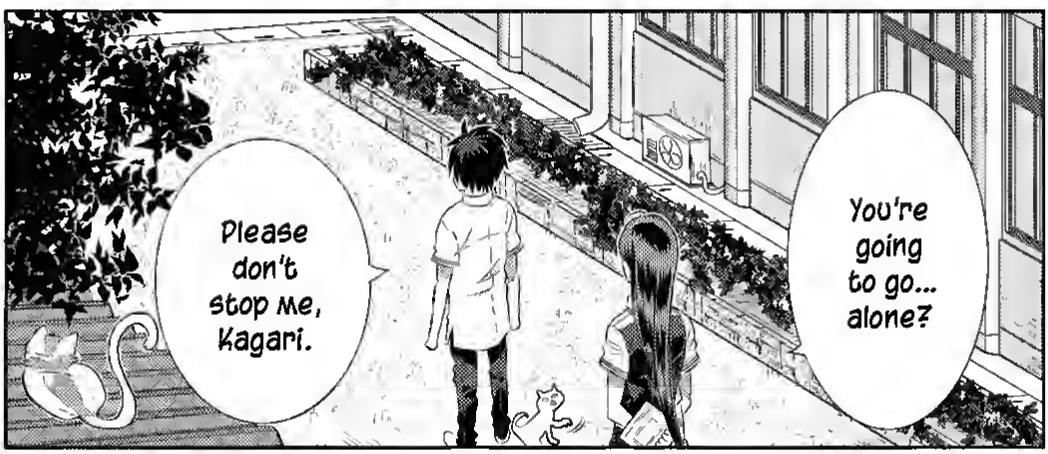
She has the nickname "Bearslayer Rinon."
"Bear-slayer"?
A few years ago, a tiger escaped from the zoo.
She choked it unconscious with her bare hands.
If she strangled a tiger, why "Bear-slayer"?
The tiger's name was Lucky Beary.

About... two months ago, she was suspended for causing trouble.
I guess it's no surprise you don't know about her.
...Still, I'd expect my mother to lose her temper if Rinon caused this much trouble.
Hey, Fire Witch.
Princess!
You're so amazing, princess!
I love you princess!
Hey boy DIE!

I met Chronoire in the hall just now.
Kazane is out on business, so I'm Chair for a Day!
It's great how wild kids are now! Violence is the spice of youth!!!
...is what she told me.
HAHAHA
FURRY CAN (For Cats)

...
SCARF
SCARF

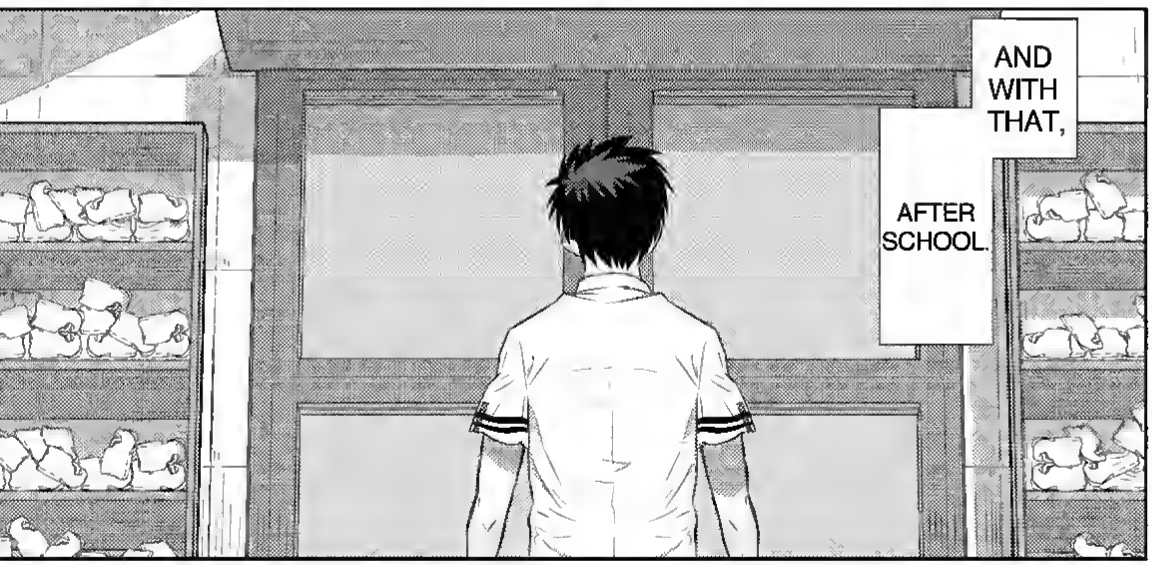
GRRRRTT
BAM
BAM
BAM
Construction: No Entry
ZZZZ
ZZZZ


Please don't stop me, Kagari.
You're going to go... alone?

Women should follow silently behind their men.
... Really?
That's not something the Kagari I know would say!

All right.
but—
I really don't want you to be there,
...Well,
WHA ?!

Let me tell you... how to defeat Rinon!
I have one piece of advice.

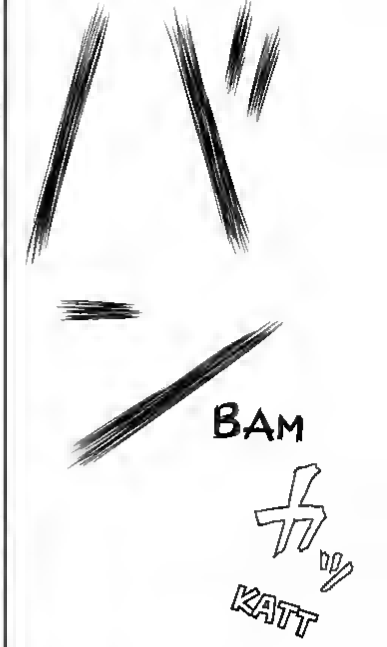

AND WITH THAT,
AFTER SCHOOL.

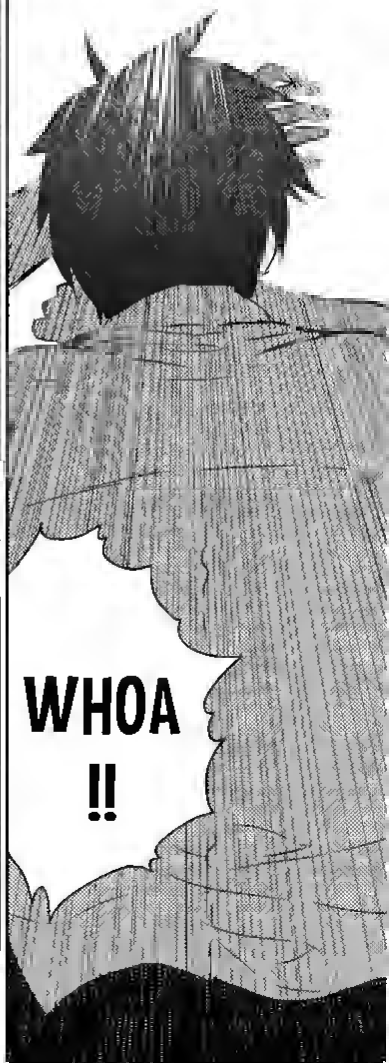
UMM...
KATAK
...

がら
KLANK

ROOOOO
OOOOAR
DEADMAN WALKING
I IGNORE THE OUT YOU ARE WITH.
BAM
KATT
WHOA !!
!!
You're alone.
You seem to have kept your promise.

OOOOAR


BAM
KATT

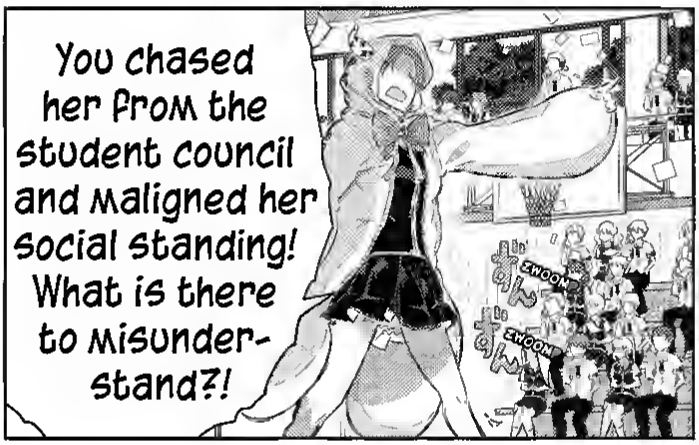

WHOA
!!

!!

ROOOOO
DEADMAN WALKING
I GUESS THE ONE YOU ARE WITH.
THE PILGRIMS PROMISE

You're alone.
You seem to have kept your promise.

I THINK WE'RE BOTH MISUNDER-STANDING EACH OTHER!
LET'S TRY TO TALK THIS OVER FIRST!
UM, er—
Please calm down... I have a proposal.
SWOOMP
SWOOMP


You chased her from the student council and maligned her social standing! What is there to misunder-stand?!
SWOOMP
SWOOMP

Talk it over?
You toyed with my friend.

See, it's true !!
K-K-K-K
SBBFT

Well ...
Well, it's true that she quit student council be-cause of me, but...
SHOOMP

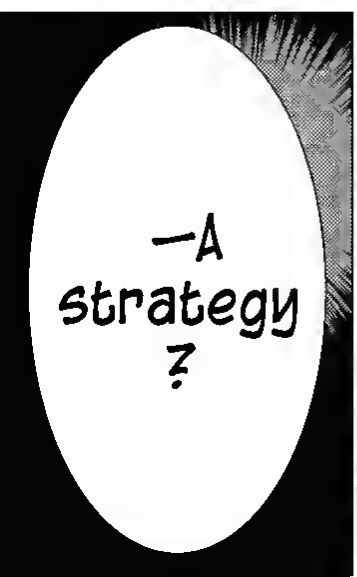
This is going to be your public execution in front of the entire student body!
If you are against that, then fight for your life !!
Ugh ...
AREN'T YOU A MAN?!
Let your fists do the talking!

Come on!
BOPPT
What's wrong ?!
Gahh !
GAKKT
THUDDT

...
POWER?
POWER is the one source of justice in this world!
Power...
—cannot allow yourself to wish for power.
ZZT...
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A WEAKLING! I ADVISE YOU STOP TRYING TO ACT SO COOL!!

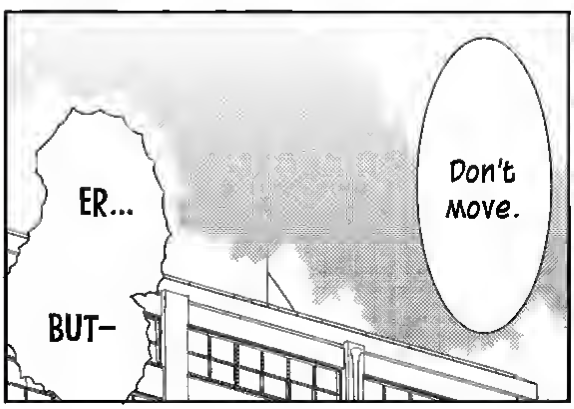
It ends here!

PILGRIM'S PREDICAMENT


—A strategy?

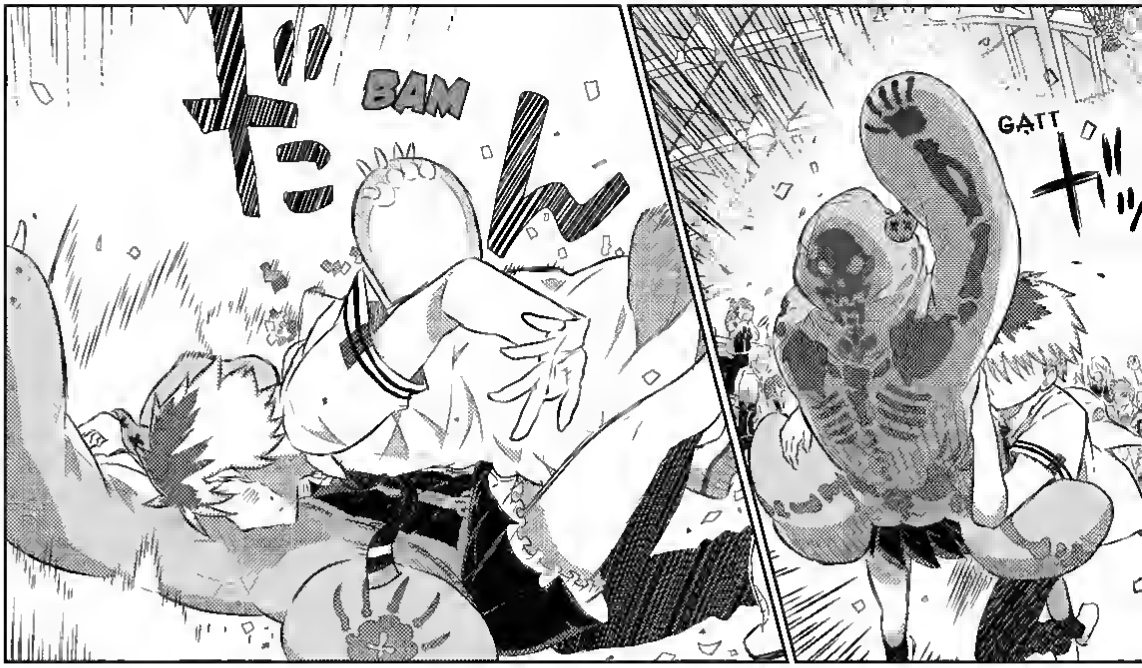
But she'll need a big wind-up for it.
She'll try to finish you off with a right cross.
Yes.

Especially for you as you are now.
While that girl's punches may be fast, they're not impossible to dodge as long as you know what's coming.
Her guard's probably down, anyway.
Now?
We were together in Middle school... —Anyway,
your opening will come in that moment.
Why do you know that?

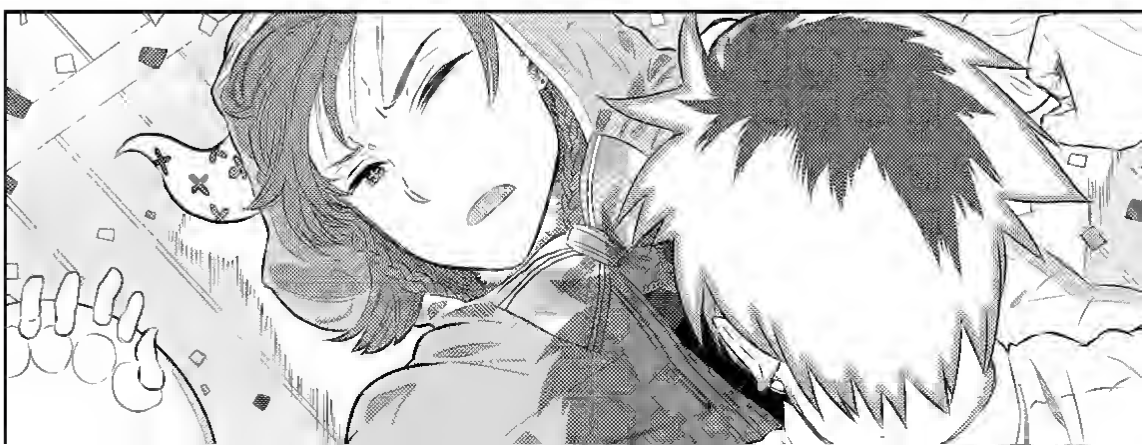

ER...
BUT—
Don't move.

KAGARI ?!
Once you dodge it... do this with your legs, see?

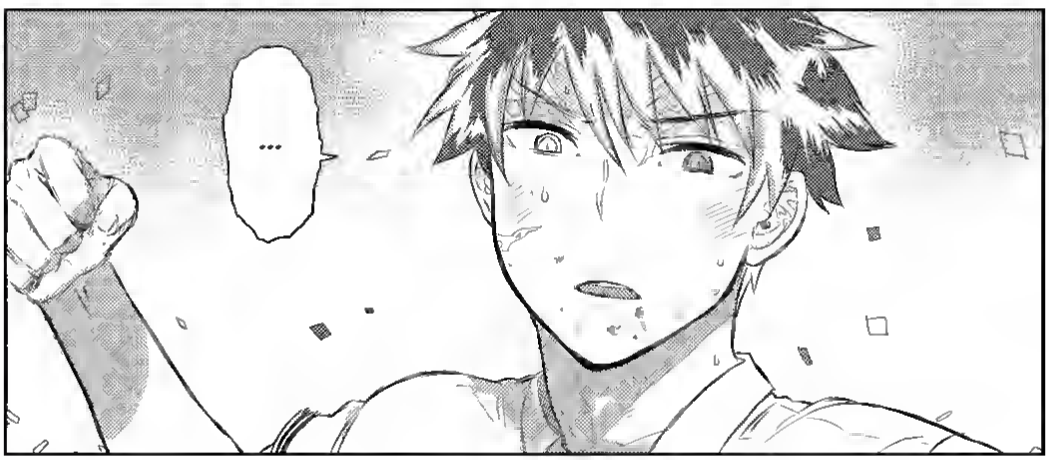
ばっ
DAN
Here it comes!
ビュン
BWOOSH
?!


BAM
GẠTT

BTT



I'M sure it'll go well.
PLUTTER
PLUTTER
...So what do I do once I get on top of her?
Punch her.
PUNCH HER?!
I wonder if I can ...
You can.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ssr...

WHAT?! WHY'D IT SUDDENLY GET DARK?

I CAN'T SEE ANYTH...

アーッ AAH!

キャーッ EEK!

BAM

カヴ
GATT
GURRK
?!
WHAT'RE YO-
YOU!
You must be here to ambush me!!
ACK!
DAMN IT!
DAN
THEN BRING IT ONNNN!!!

to my Taka-miya ?!
BA-GRAKKT
バコォ
What are you doing ...
ヒュー
SWOOP
STAMP
たん

ヒュン
SWOOP
What are you doing ...
STAMP

to my Taka-miya ?!
BA-GRAKKT

Taka-
miya
!

You don't need to say anything.

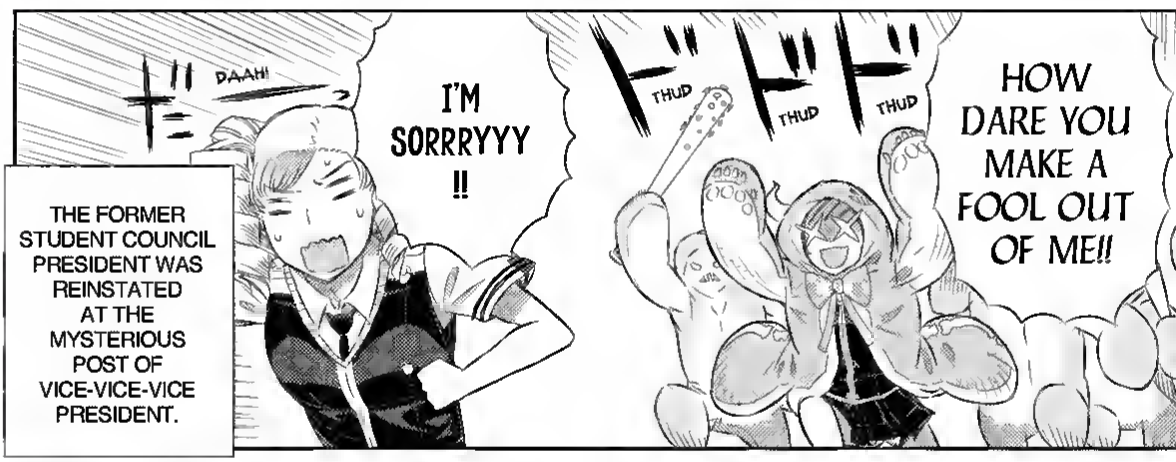
...
Kagari, I...

You can rest for now.
Someone turn on the lights!
What's happening?

BAM
NOTE: NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T SEE WITCHES WHEN THEY'RE WEARING ROBES.

ウオ
Yeaaaahhh!!

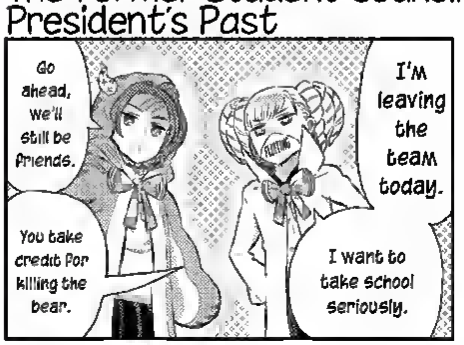
LAST WEEK-END.
A plan to help the student council president's reputation?
AND YOU'LL RECONSIDER MY TREATMENT IF IT GOES WELL?!
You can leave this all to me!

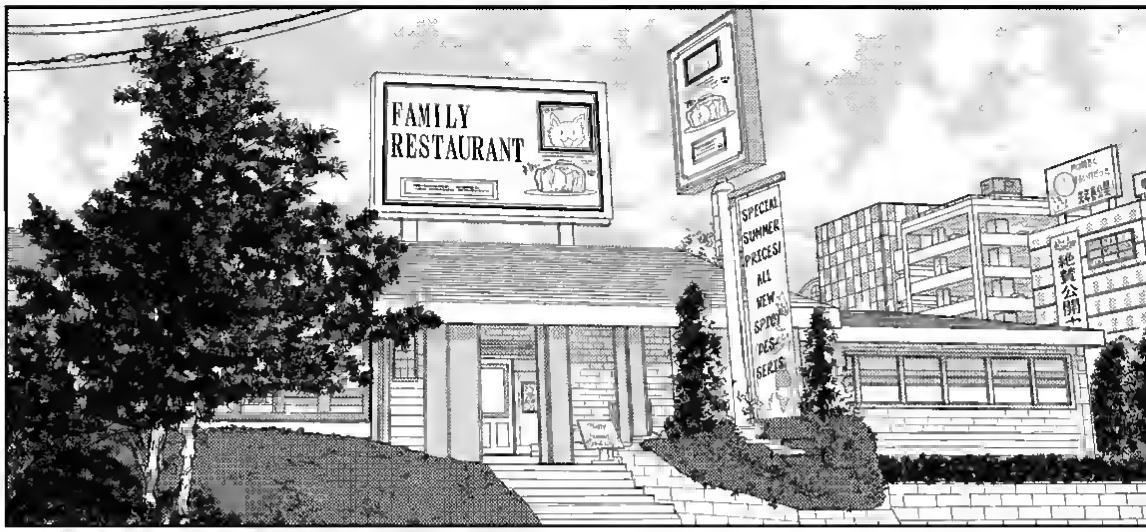

THE FORMER STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WAS REINSTATED AT THE MYSTERIOUS POST OF VICE-VICE-VICE PRESIDENT.
DAAH!
I'M SORRRYYY !!
THUD
THUD
THUD
HOW DARE YOU MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME!!

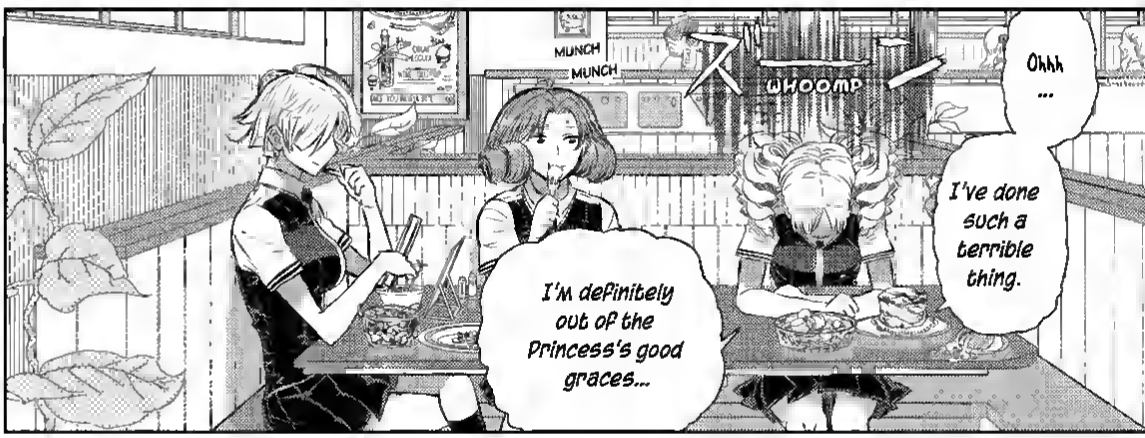
Oh, Mr. Mikage. So careless!
You fell and hurt yourself?
Heh heh ...
BONUS

LEFT SCHOOL EARLY IN THE MORNING TO PICK UP HER MOTHER, NOW LIFE-LESS AFTER HER BOSS YELLED AT HER.
Mom, you're heavy...
MEAN-WHILE, KASUMI . .

The Former Student Council President's Past

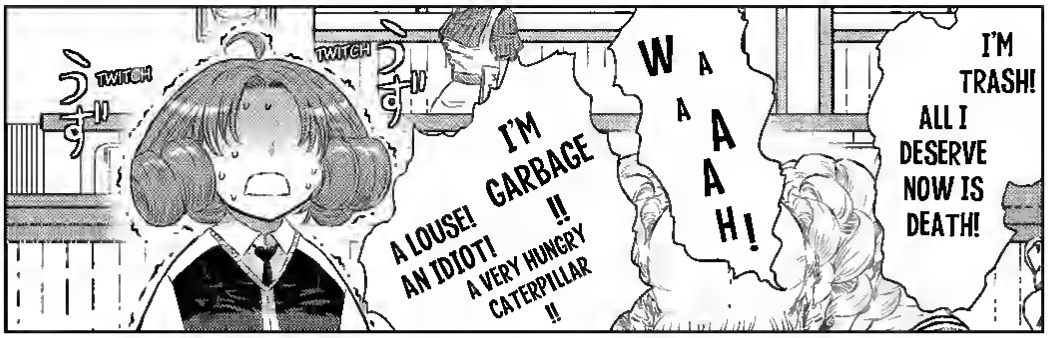

Go ahead, we'll still be friends.
I'm leaving the team today.
You take credit for killing the bear.
I want to take school seriously.


FAMILY RESTAURANT
SPECIAL SUMMER PRICES! ALL NEW SPICY DESSERTS!
絶賛公開中


MUNCH MUNCH
WHOOMP
Ohhh...
I've done such a terrible thing.
I'm definitely out of the Princess's good graces...

Why didn't you tell Rinon the whole story from the beginning?
Yeah.
Aww! But didn't you and Rinon go apologize to him?
Well...

HIS NAME IS HONOKA TAKA-MIYA!
HE TOYED WITH ME, THEN THREW ME AWAY AND STOLE MY SEAT AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT !!
Waaaah!
...
—Just kidding!
HUP
Actu-ally—
UN-FOR-GIV-ABLE.
Huh?
I'M GOING TO RIP ALL THE HAIR OFF THAT FUCKIN' BASTARD'S BODY AND TURN IT INTO PIG FEED!!!
Er, wait, I need to tell you—
The image of his hair turning into pig feed ran through the back of my mind,
which caused me to give in and not try to stop her.
I'm... the worst.


うす
TWITCH
うす
TWITCH
I'M GARBAGE !!
A LOUSE! AN IDIOT! A VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR !!
WAAAAH!
I'M TRASH! ALL I DESERVE NOW IS DEATH!

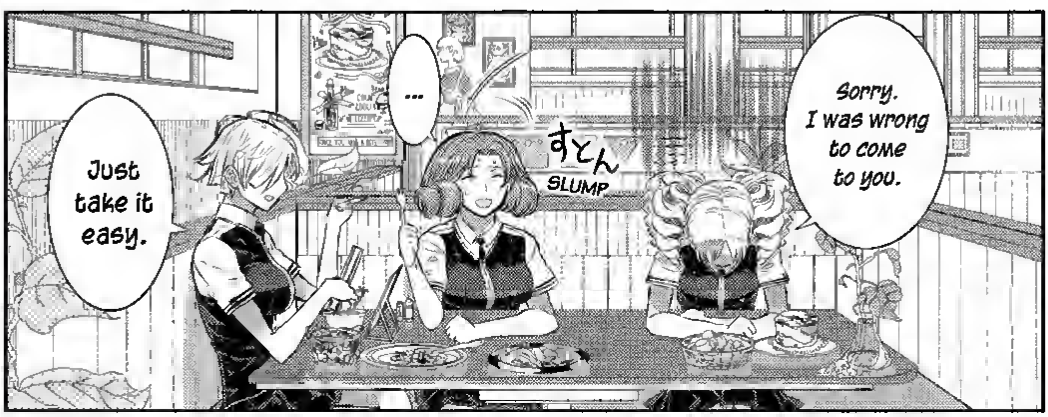
ガシ
BAM
h

What about me? Once I took her underwear from her washing machine for my own personal amusement! I played with it every day for half a year until she found out!! But we're stiiiill friends! That's the kind of person she is!!
What are you saying?! The Princess would neeever turn her back on you over something like that!!

So you, too, huh?
Gulp
Whaa ??

I did something like that once, too, and the Princess found out.
But we're still great friends.
You really don't need to worry about it. All that'll do is stress you out!
Haha!

We lived with her during Middle School, right?
I'd never heard!
You're bound to make a foolish mistake or two living with someone that beautiful 24/7.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すとん
SLUMP
Sorry. I was wrong to come to you.
Just take it easy.

Witchcraft Works

—I BLACKED OUT HALFWAY THROUGH, WHICH MADE ME REALIZE JUST HOW WEAK I AM.
ON MY FIRST DAY AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, I FOUGHT A JUVENILE DELINQUENT NAMED RINON.

SHE WAS NEAR ME DURING THE FISTFIGHT, TAKING SOME OF THE DAMAGE.
I THEN UNDERSTOOD
ONCE I WOKE UP, KAGARI WAS SITTING RIGHT BY MY BED, COVERED IN BRUISES AND SCRATCHES.

I know what you want to say.
I...

We'll begin after that.
Get some rest for two or three days.

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FWOOP
FWOOP
バババ
FWOOP
FWOOP
バババ
FWOOP
FWOOP
バババ
BTT
ビーン
We're going Spartan for this! Think of me as your drill sergeant !!
There won't be any collateral damage up here, and it makes things more tense!

Starting today, Takamiya, I'm teaching you how to fight!

W-
WE'RE DOING THIS PRETTY HIGH UP, AREN'T WE?

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MY NAME IS HONOKA TAKA-MIYA.
I'M A BIT OF AN ODD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S CURRENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF AN AFTER-SCHOOL MAGIC APPRENTICE-SHIP.
THIS IS KAGARI. SHE'S MY CLASS-MATE, A WITCH, AND MY MASTER.
But, Kagari ...
You said earlier you wouldn't teach me because it was dangerous! Why the sudden change of heart?
There's something you're hiding from me, isn't there, Takamiya?

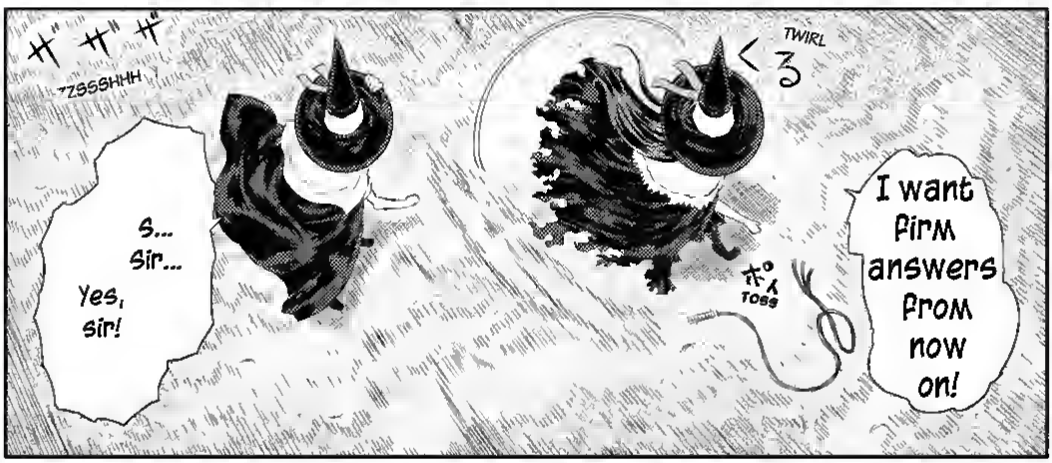
Huh?
ビュウウ
WHOOOSH
Haven't you been doing sit-ups and push-ups every night now?
Yes, but...
Why do you ask?

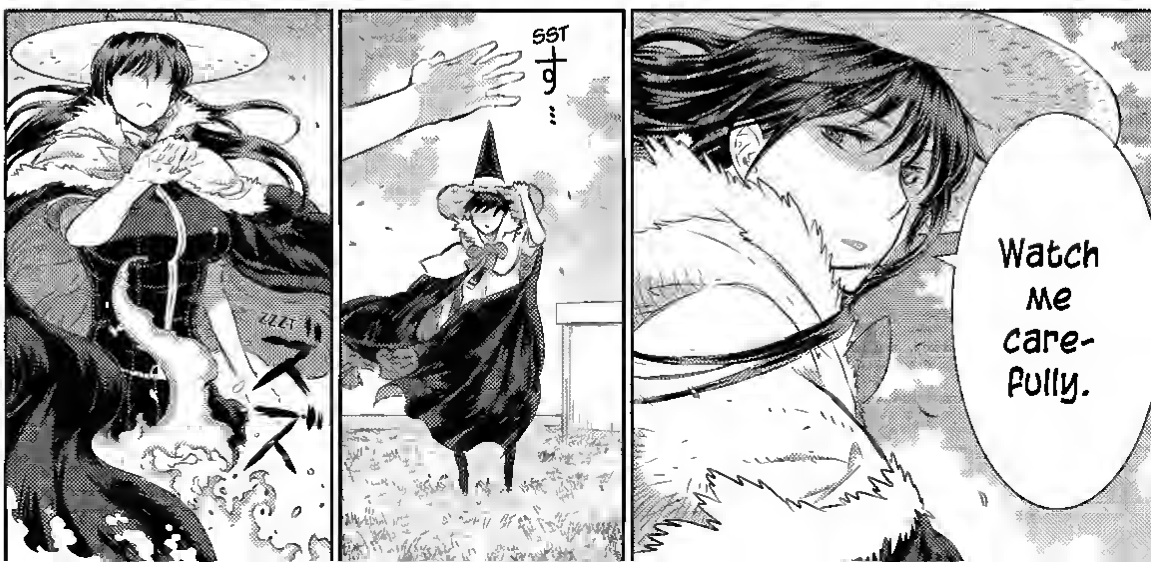
You're amazing, Honoka! You beat Rinon! You know, she's my...
You promise you'll train me on how to be a witch after we bathe, right?
That's not all.
You've made plans to train.
You listening?

So I thought I'd do what I could on my own to—
FWOOP FWOOP
Well, you said you wouldn't teach me because I could hurt myself.

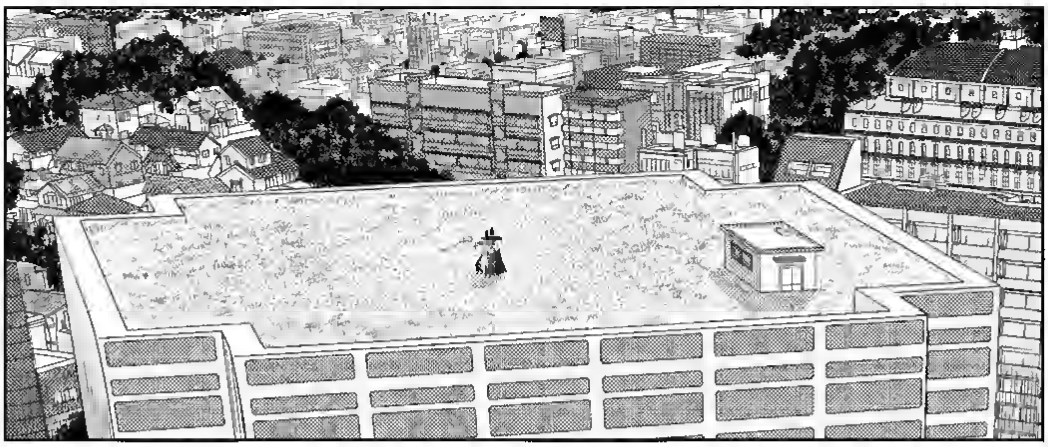
Enough of your secrets and excuses!
SMAK
Silence!

As long as you understand.
HMPH
She's taken to the Spartan role...
I'm sorry.
Okay.
O...
WHOOOOSH
...


ZSSSHHH
S... Sir... Yes, sir!
TWIRL
TOSS
I want firm answers from now on!


SST
Watch me carefully.

GWOOSH
?!
First,
you'll learn how to materialize your magical power!
BROOOA
OOOAAAR



But I'm still just a novice!
Why start at this high level?
Don't worry about things like that.

Relax your shoulders.
Focus.
O-
Okay.

You know, Takamiya, you have bad posture.
おにぃにぃ
SQUISH
Straighten your spine.
Come on, chin up.
To create flames—
Draw them from the depths of your heart.
Okay.
Imagine something powerful.
BAM
ばっ
CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME SPACE?!
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE!!

!
YOU'RE BACK TO PAMPERING ME!
THIS ISN'T VERY SPARTAN, KAGARI?
HEY! THAT WAS JUST YOUR "YOU FORGOT" LOOK—

BOOM
Whoa!

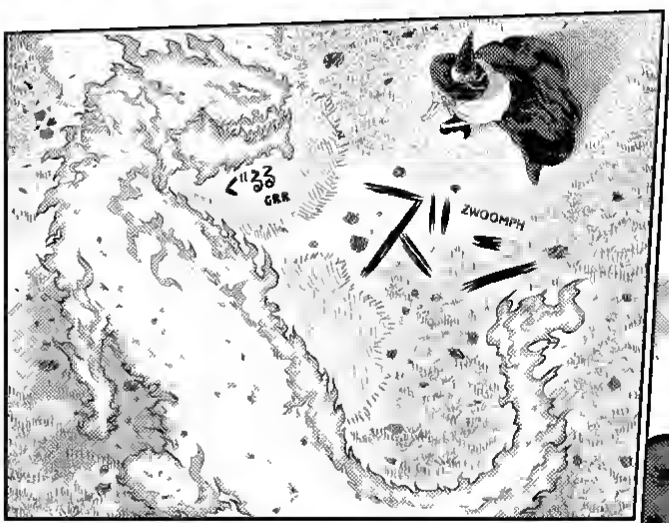
What are you talking about? I was just gauging your strength.
...

This way seems like it'll work well with you.
GRR

There's no risk of me being hurt, so you can fight without hesitation.
Damage isn't transferred to me when it comes from my own attacks.
Don't worry.

GROOOOOAR
HUH?
Her special ability is fire breathing.
Oh, that's right.

GWOOF
AAAC!K


ZWOOMPH
GRR

Summon your own familiar to protect you!

DASH

BAM
I get that, but...
KLAANG

Stay on guard! Behind you!!

SMAK

BOLT ばっ
ZZZSSSHH
Taka-
Miya!
ZZT ザザ
Ugh
...

Your el-bow ...
You skinned your elbow !!!
This is terrible ...
BAM
Whaa ?!

ALL I'VE DONE IS RUN AROUND A LITTLE BIT! I CAN DO IT, REALLY!
LET'S KEEP GOING!!
ALREADY !!
We should stop here for today.
I'M FINE...
POOF
But... your elbow...
What if germs get in?!

It's not like it's going to kill me !!
Skin-ning my elbow isn't that big of a deal!
BAM

Aren't you supposed to be my drill sergeant, Kagari ?!
I want to become stronger as soon as I can!
I'M prepared to get a little banged up!

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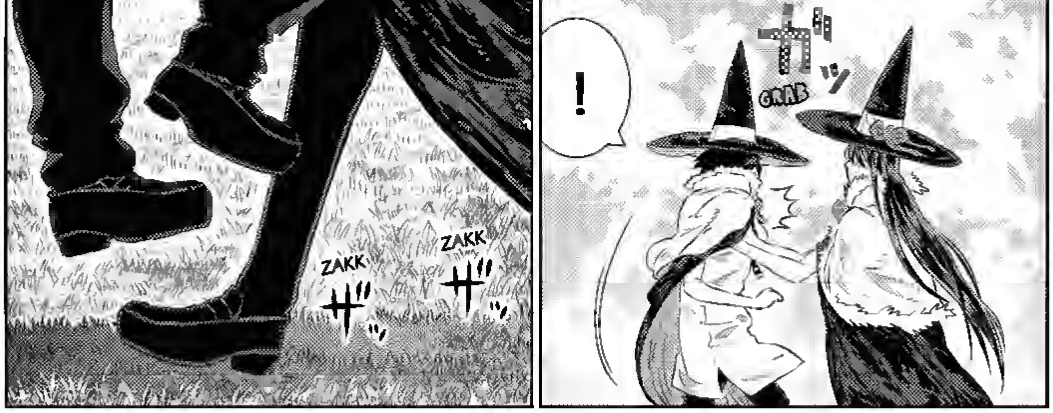
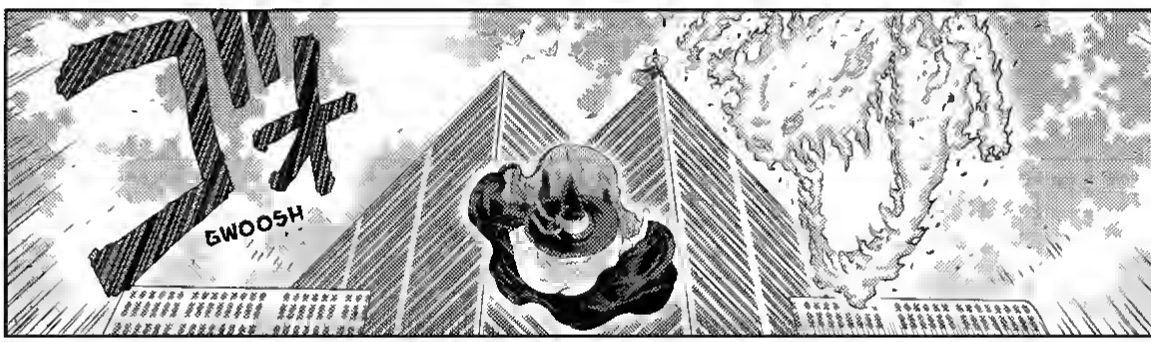

ZAKK
ZAKK
!
GRAB

Don't bring out your broom.
WHA?
UM...
BEEP
BEEP
WHOOOSH

SUM-MON a familiar that can fly.
POP

THIS IS TOO SPARTAAA !!NNNA
BEEP BEEP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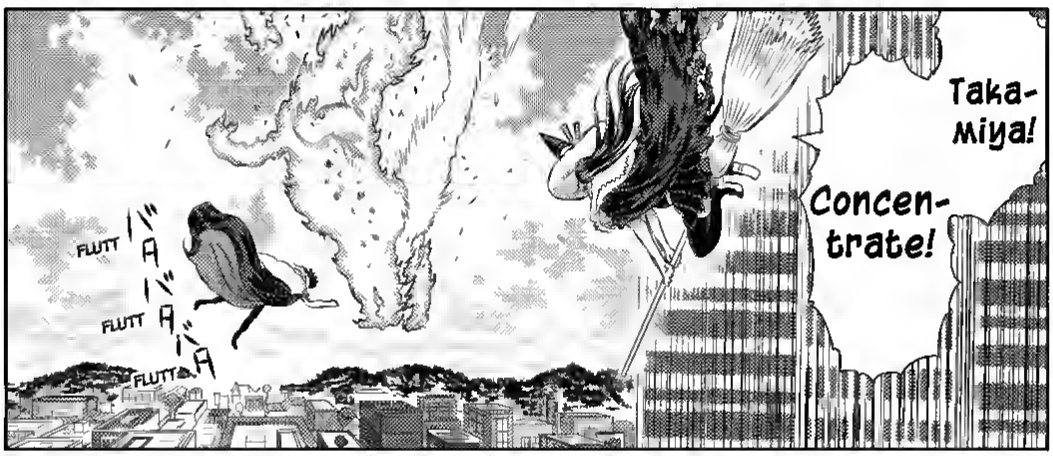
POOF

AH!
BWOOSH


FLUTT
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Taka-
Miya!
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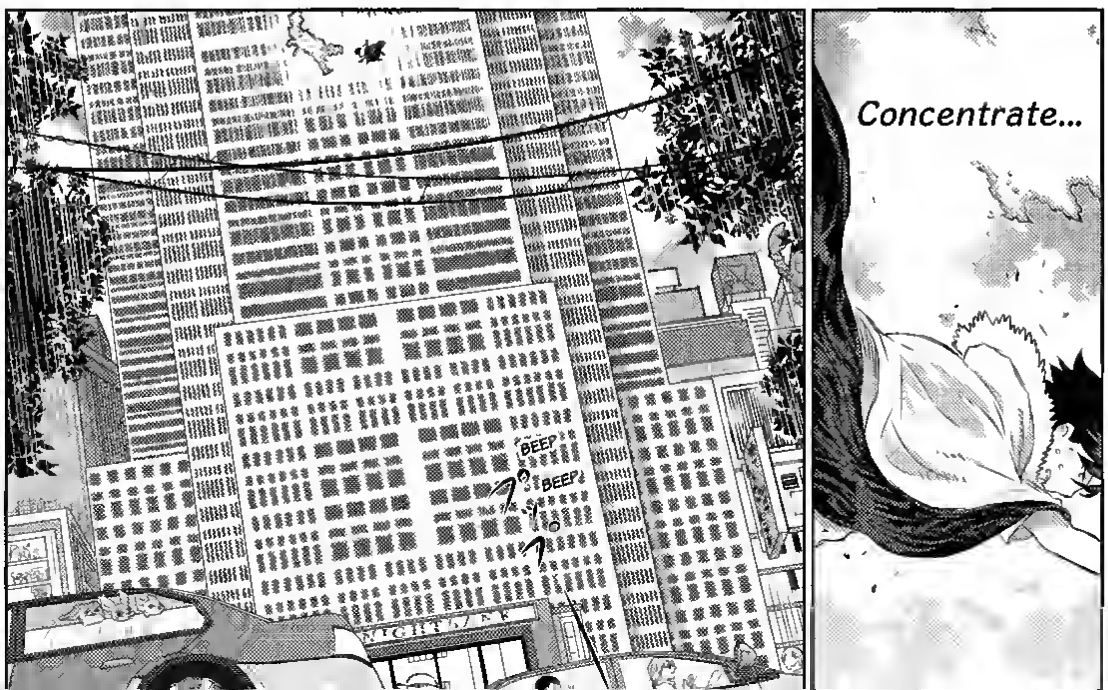
BEEP
BEEP
Concentrate...

Imagine something strong.
KLANG
カキン
TWIRL
Draw it from the depths of my heart... something strong.

バ FLUTT
バ FLUTT バ FLUTT
What is strength to me?

Why do I have to remember the dream I had this morning now, of all times ?!?

Con-cen-trate !!
You're almost to the ground !

ヒュン
SWOOOSH
I'M coming !
Maybe it was too soon.

FLUTT
FLUTT
...

ズ
ズン
BOO
OOOM
KATT

OOOM
KATT

ズ
ズン
KOOOOM
BOO

KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
ガタン
ゴトン

ENGLISH LESSONS BY
SHOUTING AT LOVE
WITCH GRAPE

FESTA
KA-KLANK
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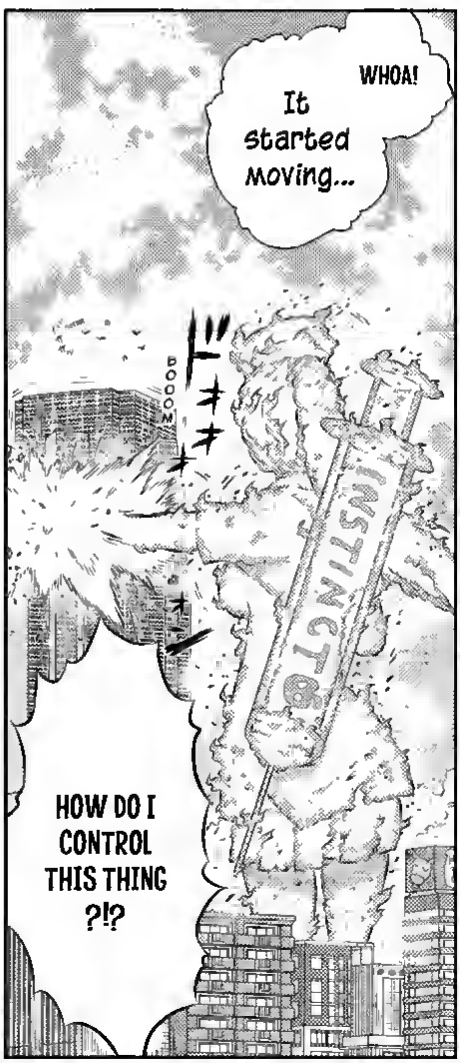
What is this?
IT'S HUGE!
YOU'RE HUGE, KAGARI!
Why are you asking me? You made it.
Huh?


WHOA!
It started moving...
BOOOM
INSTINCT
HOW DO I CONTROL THIS THING ?!?

じー
STAAARE
WHA?
NO, WAIT!
Why would I come up with you in a nurse outfit when I'm trying to envision something that symbolizes strength to me?!?
There must've been some mistake ...

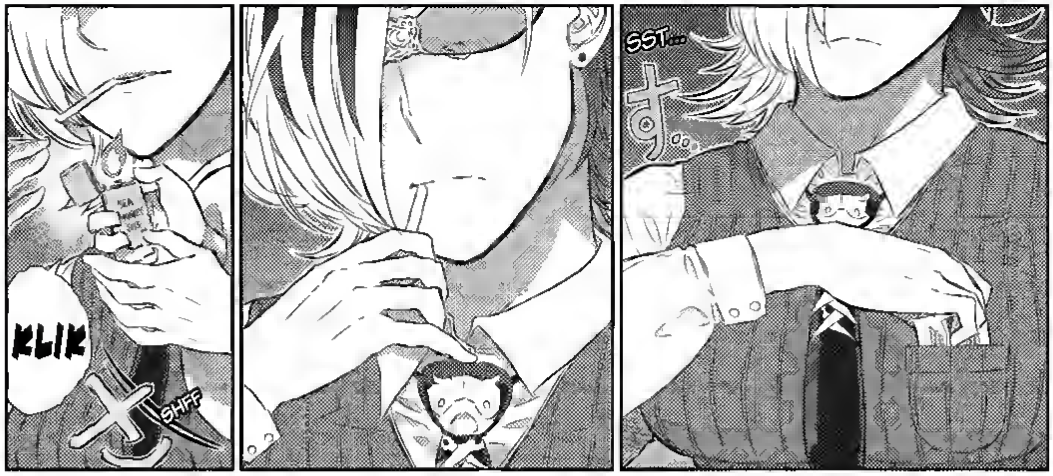
Huh?
SWOON
...Why am I...
Sud-denly so...
SHHHH
FSSSHHH
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
...

NOT AGAIN!
WHAT A DIS-PLAY!
...It was during the fight the other day.
I KNEW IT!
!
It's not something he could do without a broken second seal!
That was quite powerful magic there!
Oh, those kids... Reverting what they've done isn't easy, you know.
Kyaa!
oooh!
CLANK

No, you loaf around having tea with me.
I am their enemy.
Then you tell them.
You ought to warn them.
SNAP
oooh!
Kazane may be dull, but there's a limit to how much they can get away with. If she finds out, it'll be good for no one.

Do you have an idea of what she's doing right now?
Speaking of Kazane.
Nope.
oooh!
Kyaa!
SNAP
GSSH
My goal was to have the boy swallow the candy.
Now it's just a matter of biding my time until all the seals are broken.

She forced her role of Chairwoman on me, claiming to be busy.


KLIK
SHFF
SST...

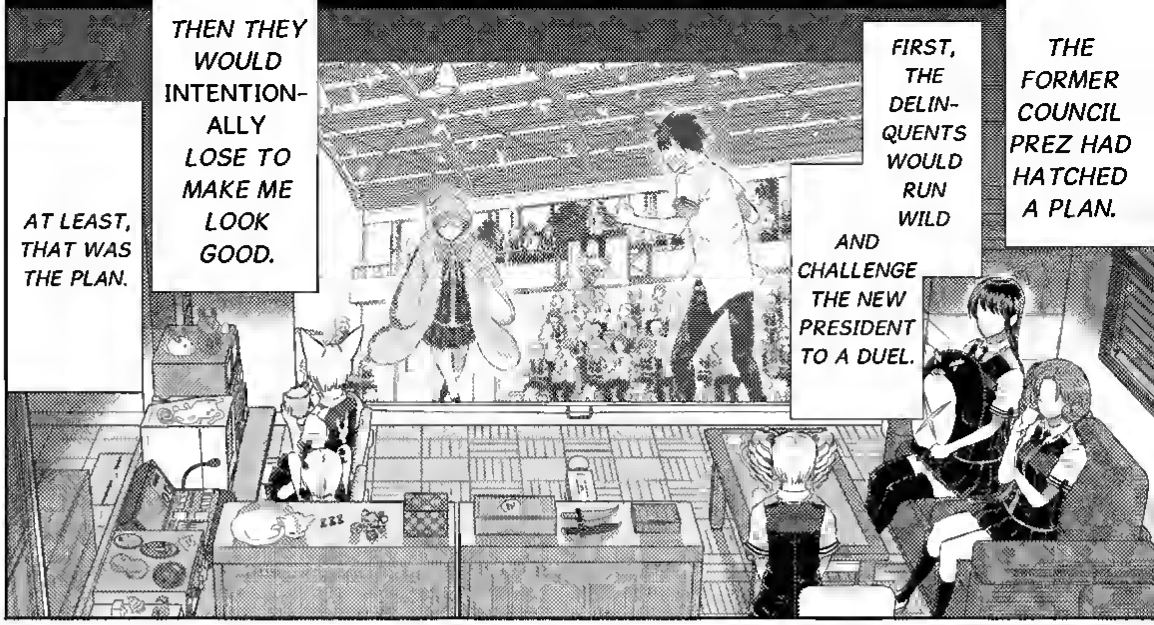
Thank you.
PFF
Rinon.
!

What is...
This?
I'm impressed you could find me.
Touko told me.
I told her not to tell anyone.

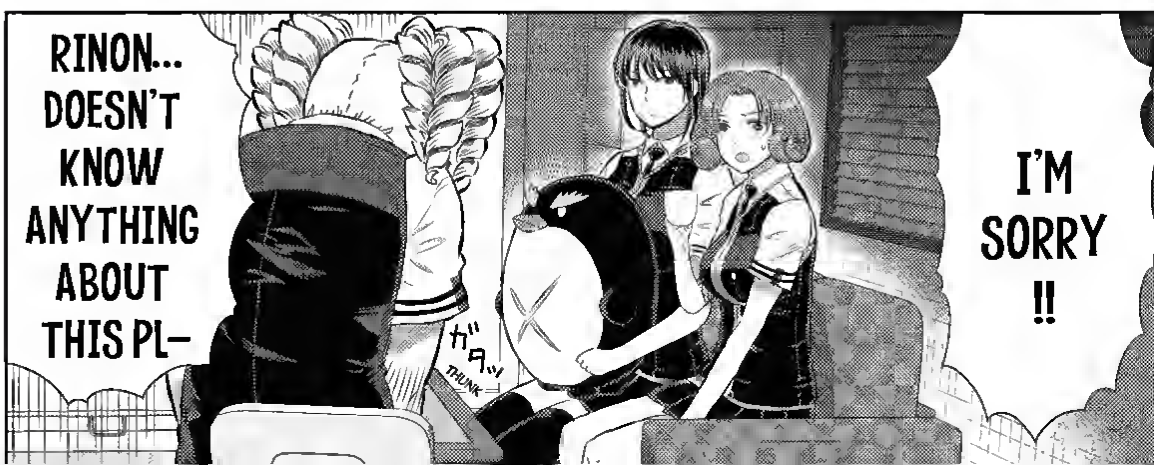
So, what brings you here?
...You're better off not knowing.
...Well, a Witch claiming to be a Tower Messenger showed up.
She said, "Tell the workshop head that we've taken every person in her town hostage."

Ugh ...
OH!
DID I...
Good morning.
You used too much magic. Did you see how big that thing was?
BAM
...I'm sorry.
Hold on!

Kagari ...
Can I ask a question?
?
You suddenly changed your mind about training me...
because of what happened during the fight the other day. Right?
During it, I felt this... POWER.
You knew?
That girl with the ears told me.
She said you had gathered to have a meeting beforehand.

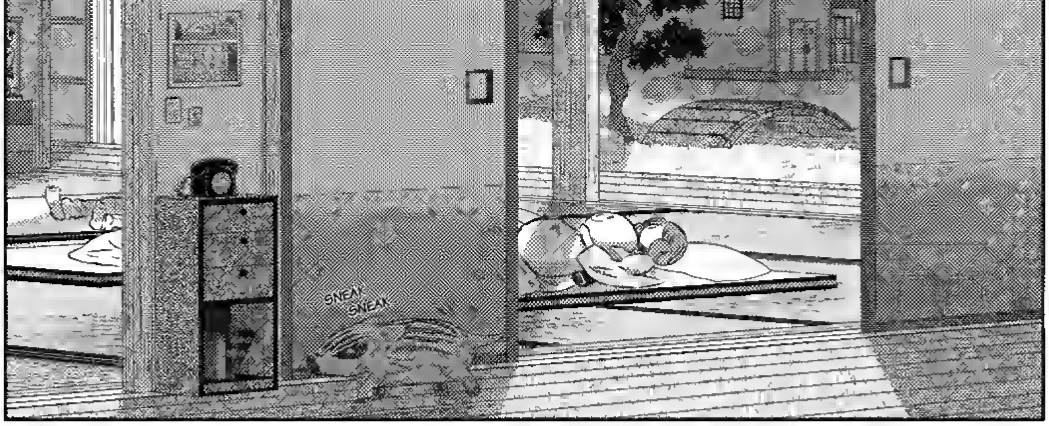

THE FORMER COUNCIL PREZ HAD HATCHED A PLAN.
FIRST, THE DELIN-QUENTS WOULD RUN WILD AND CHALLENGE THE NEW PRESIDENT TO A DUEL.
THEN THEY WOULD INTENTION-ALLY LOSE TO MAKE ME LOOK GOOD.
AT LEAST, THAT WAS THE PLAN.

It's finally time for the battle!
Sooo, how's she going to lose?
TWITCH
ビク
Ah...
UM...


I'M SORRY !!
RINON... DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PL—
THUNK

But Rinon didn't know about the plan, and thought I was really a bad guy.
THUNK
BAM
H—
Hey
!
Then
That happened,
FLASH
BAM
Just in time
And this happened.

I think what's important right now is...
You're putting training above the student council?
HUH ?
ZAKKT
There's something of great importance at school...
You left in a panic after me?
I haven't had the chance to say it yet, so thank you.
But...
shouldn't school stuff be secondary for us?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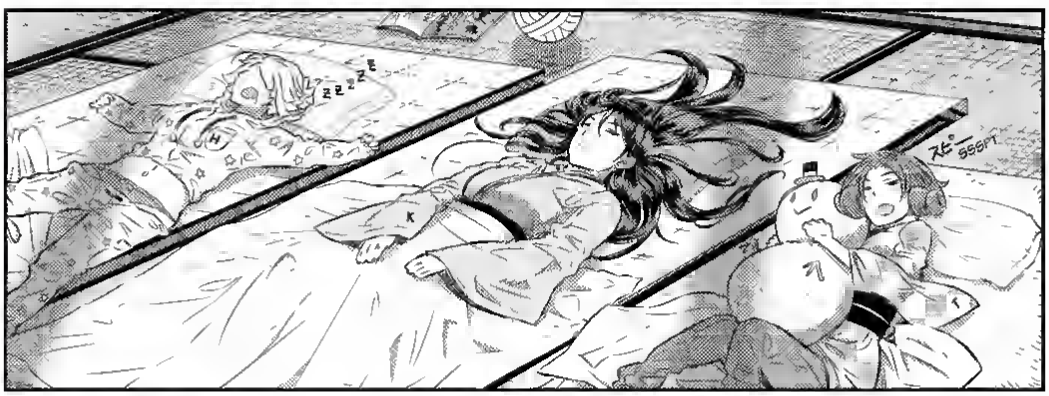
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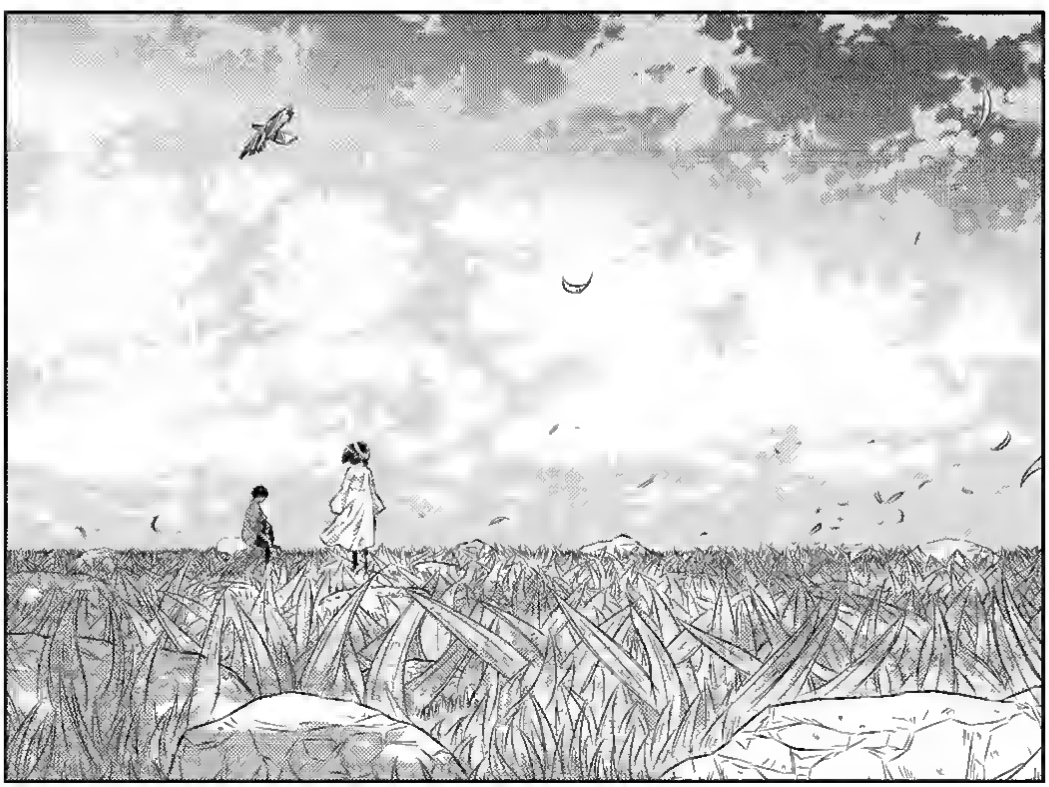
SSSH



Everything you've lost, you'll find in school.
You should become student council president. I'm sure you'll be the center of attention in class.
We'll sit next to each other, be on cleaning duty together, and walk to school together.
You'll make good friends and discover interesting, new people.
Once spring vacation ends, we'll be middle school students.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS APPEAR IN MY DREAMS?
...I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING. I FEEL LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT I'M SUPPOSED TO KNOW.
The only clue I have is this dream.
—Fine. I promise to find you.
I'll sit next to you, get on cleaning duty at the same time as you, and walk to school together with you. If I do that, then I'm sure I'll be able to—

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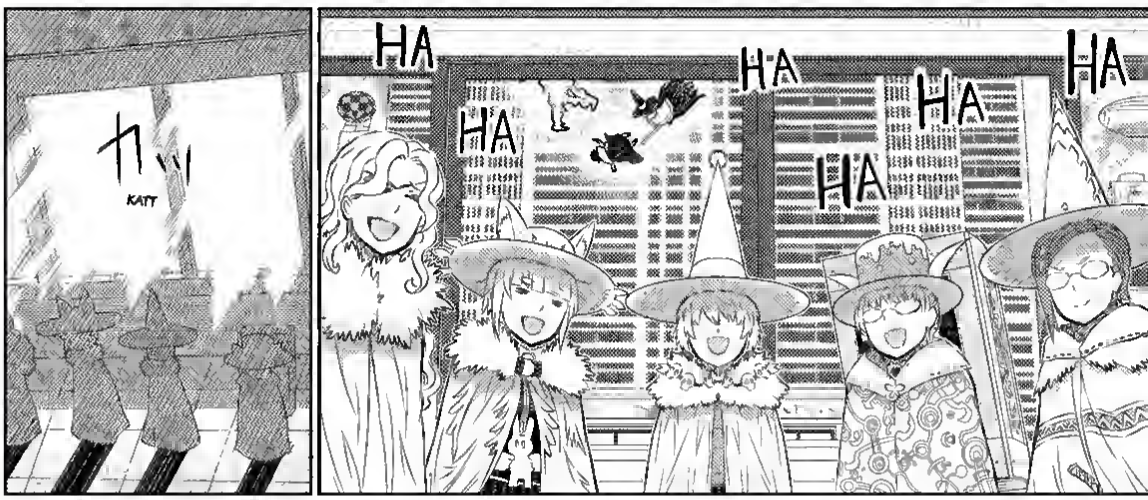
CHAPTER 16 END

THE PASSION OF THE FURRY-EARS
Kotetsu Katsura!
Mei Menowa!
Rin Kazari!
Kanna Utsugi!
Tanpopo Kuraishi!

While we may act like deranged tigers because of our secret mission to "keep an eye on the boy," we are not domesticated cats! We can't allow ourselves to become undisciplined!
We five serve our proud master Medusa!
I have saved up to rent this place where we can train! Now, let's begin!!
EFFORT

Good idea. It would be hellishly annoying if it got infected.
Let's play it safe and call today's training off.
Are you okay?!
What happened?
I lost my balance...
and broke a nail...
OW!
THUNK
KRAK


KATT
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

BOOOOM
AAA GHH !!

Assistants:
Shinobu
Takumi
R-ichan
Tamocchan

Afterword

Hello, Mizunagi here. Four volumes of Witchcraft Works already. Yaaay.

My editor told me that plans for an anime adaptation were moving forward. It's hard to explain how amazing it feels as a creator to know that a huge group of people are going to work to make characters you created "move" and "speak."

In this volume, we saw a giant Kagari, in a swimsuit, and the development of a new enemy. Please look forward to the next volume!

Ryu Mizunagi

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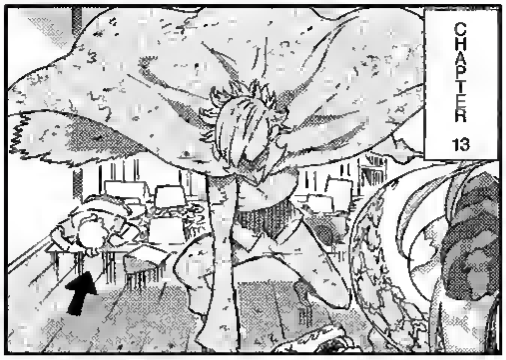
GAAH!
WHERE IS MY PAGE TIME ?!?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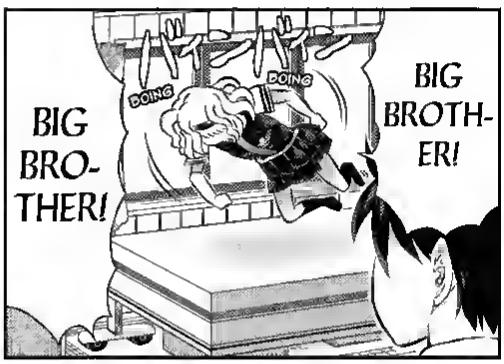
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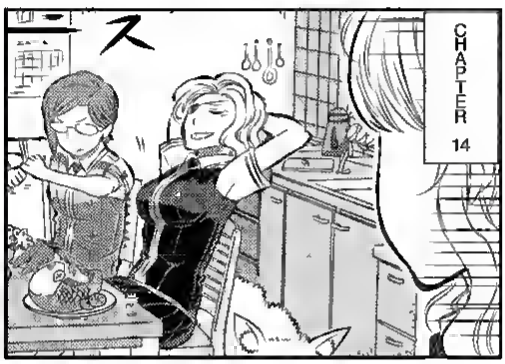
DOING
BIG BRO-THER!
BIG BROTH-ER!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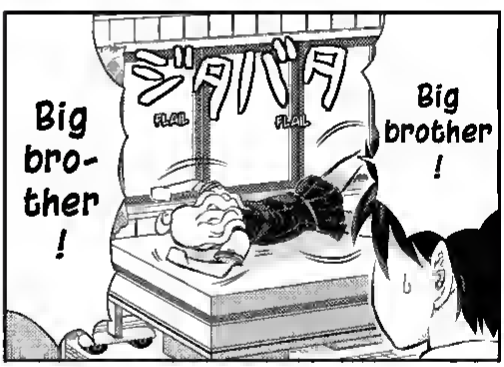
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FLAIL
FLAIL
Big bro-ther !
Big brother !

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...Big brother !
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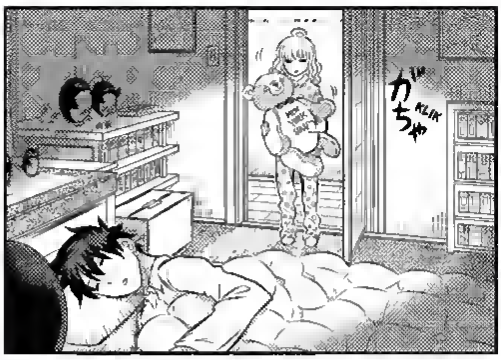
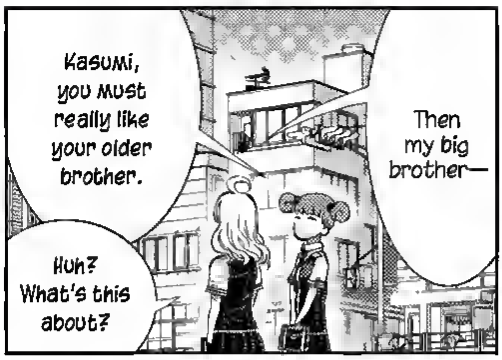
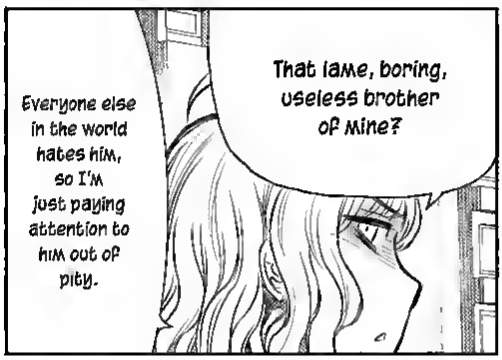
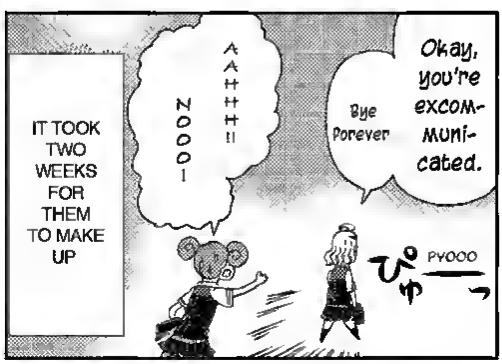




GOOD NIGHT, BIG BROTHER.


That lame, boring, useless brother of mine?
Everyone else in the world hates him, so I'm just paying attention to him out of pity.



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AT THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER BREAK, KAGARI INVITED ME TO HER FAMILY'S SEASIDE VILLA
ZZSSSHH
JUST US TWO
BEACH-SIDE,
WITH NOTHING BUT OUR SWIMSUITS ON
"COME ON, LET'S GO SWIMMING."
I COULD FEEL MY HEART POUNDING
I had a feeling... Something was going to happen today.
...
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

IT WAS KANNA'S LATEST STORY

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SETTING + SECRETS

These pages are a collection of behind-the-scenes character and story elements that probably won't affect or appear in the main story, as well as comments by the author. If you finish reading the story and think, "I want to know more!" then we hope you enjoy the information here.

Chapter 13: Takamiya and Noblesse Oblige

★ Noblesse Oblige
A pact (custom) among witches that states, "Strength comes from dignity and beauty."
An old pact that was formerly important when masters made agreements with familiars, knights, and so on. The effects are as follows.

A witch gains the protection of Noblesse Oblige when she acts with dignity and beauty.

When a witch has the protection of Noblesse Oblige, her magical power is increased tenfold.

When a witch loses the protection of Noblesse Oblige, her magical power is reduced by nine tenths, and any special abilities are limited (※) Invincibility, damage transfer.

In short, it is a pact that allows a witch to wield powerful magic so long as she acts with grace.

More details about the pact will eventually be revealed in the series.
Kagari violated the pact this time around by forming two simultaneous contracts, considered an act of infidelity.

The only way to regain its lost effects is to once again act properly in a disciplined way over a long period of time. However, we see Kagari immediately regaining her power in this chapter.
This is because before getting thrown into jail, the Chairwoman used her ridiculous powers to return Kagari's contract to normal. She then scolded her daughter

saying, "This is the only time I'm doing this."

★ Location Exchange
Magic that allows a retainer to exchange places with their master when their master is put in danger. A high-level form of damage transfer, it can only be used by Takamiya, the master in the contract.

★ The Apple of Discord
A fruit from the Garden of the Hesperides, found at the end of the world. It allows two witches to temporarily fuse their power. While Kagari says that Medusa "left her body," in reality, time simply ran out. The Apple works for about an hour.

★ The Punishment Room
You can tell by the graffiti on the wall that Kagari has been here a number of times in the past.

• Kazane Kagari
Grows horns when angered. She has an extremely haphazard personality, sometimes ignoring the custom of leaving the protection of the town to five high school students, and also allowing Tower Witches to do as they please until they cause trouble. Some Workshop heads will not even tolerate the presence of a Tower Witch in their domain.

• Ayaka Kagari
Holds ear picks strangely; in her left hand, at that.

• Laurent and Vine of Rothenberg
"Tattooed Witches" sent from the German Workshop responsible for managing Medusa. They ride a large bird known as a rukh.
Currently searching for Medusa.

• Medusa
In seclusion for the time being, as she'd be found if she returned to Tougetsu.

Chapter 14: Takamiya and Kagari's Wound

A story about Kagari's middle school days.

This story begins during the spring vacation immediately before Ayaka enters

middle school. Kanae Hoozuki and Touko Hio, Ayaka's relatives, are ordered by the feared head of the Kagari household, Kazane Kagari, to look after her daughter. The story itself takes place in Tougetsu Girls Middle School.

• Ayaka Kagari
Starts off confused by school, then one day begins to seclude herself in the library. She then finally starts to go around visiting different schools, all while also working to improve herself.
These actions are driven by a dream Ayaka has every night, some of which we learn about in chapter 16.
When she finds Takamiya, Ayaka holds her hand to an old scar on her stomach and grimaces.

★ Old scar
There is a large scar on Kagari's stomach.

★ Waking from a dream
In one scene, Kagari gets out of bed, leaves the room once, then re-enters. Something is slightly different about her when she comes back in.

• Kanae Hoozuki
Dislikes Kagari at first, but gradually comes to accept her. After entering high school, she takes on the role of her manager, as the head of her elite guard. Is not happy about Takamiya, who appeared from nowhere and stole away the school's princess.

• Touko Hio
Eats ice cream as a staple food. Loves winter. Creates aggressive snowmen when she's scared, and snowmen for hugging when she's sleepy. Loves Kagari a little too much.

• Mr. Mikage
Teacher for class 1-B. He infiltrates the middle school in order to scout future witches.
Natsume Mikage, one of his relatives, is also enrolled at the school.

• Furry-ears
These girls can be seen here and there during their middle school years, as well.

• Sasukee
A Naruto meme based on a line Itachi says, kind of like the Japanese version of the "Good Naruto, you look kind of cool" meme.

• Wanigawa
A prodigy whose grades are third in her class. She can be found all throughout the chapter. Looks like a regular crocodile, but becomes more humanoid as she matures. She shows up during high school in the volume 3 bonus as one of the three seniors that Kasumi beats up. May or may not have fallen in love at first sight with the gentleman crocodile who works for Chronoire.

• Gang of delinquents
A group of delinquents who look somewhat familiar. As they're poor students, many of them went on to enroll at St. Jural Girls Academy, not Tougetsu Academy.

Chapter 15: Takamiya and the Strong-Armed Witch

• Takamiya
While Takamiya normally acts the part of the loser, in this chapter, he works hard to live up to his role as student council president. Of course, he does end up breaking his second seal during the battle with Rinon without even noticing it... Kagari probably decided to teach him how to fight in chapter 16 after seeing this and deciding that if he was going to let his power run wild, he might as well know how to use it.

• Kagari
Nurse Kagari makes an appearance this chapter. It's important to note that she's wearing her school uniform under the nurse outfit. Kagari is the type that favors form over function.

• The former student council president, now the vice-vice-vice student council president
She proposed the plan to set up a duel. Plans to ask for her good friend Rinon's help, but strays from the path of good and causes her friend to go insane instead. A former *yankii*, she seems to be embarrassed about her past.

• Chronoire Schwarz VI
Becomes the substitute chairwoman when Kazane Kagari is out. She wholeheartedly believes that "Youth is violence" and "Justice is power."

• Rinon Otometachibana
A bearslayer with strong arms and iron fists, she is the leader of the pajama wearing, problem-causing, costumed killers known as Tenjiku. The current bancho-style boss of Tougetsu city. She wears the Dragon's Tooth, given to bancho as proof of their battles, on her head like a horn.
She's a Workshop witch with a focus on power, and has three honorary scars on her forehead from her battle against a tiger. When blood rushes to her head, these scars open and ooze blood. A gang boss by day and witch by night, she is one of the five witches who protect the town.

• Kasumi
Leaves school early in the morning and doesn't know about Rinon's girls running wild as a result. She's shocked when she sees her bruised and battered brother that night and asks him what happened, but he doesn't tell her anything, leaving her annoyed.
Heard a rumor, the next day at school, that her brother won a duel against Rinon.

★ Normal students can't see witches when they wear robes, so the few student witches who were in attendance know the truth behind the fight.

Chapter 16: Takamiya and Kagari's After-School Lessons Part 2

Our second training chapter.

• Takamiya
As part of learning how to fight, Takamiya is trained in how to summon a familiar.
This ends up with him fighting a familiar summoned by Kagari, but (as Kagari also says), damage transfer does not work here as it normally would.

Self-inflicted injuries and damage from a retainer are not transferred, so when he fights his retainer Kagari's familiar, no damage will be transferred to her. This allows Takamiya to fight without having to worry about Kagari.

• Kagari
A pampering drill sergeant. We see different Kagari variations in this chapter, such as giant Kagari and swimsuit Kagari.
While she also says something similar at the end of volume 1, we learn what she sees as important here.

• Kasumi
Tends to spend a lot of time in her older brother's room. Tricks him into bathing with her, too.
Begins to tell her brother something about her and Rinon, so we can conclude that the two have some sort of relationship.

• Mr. Mikage + Chronoire Schwarz VI
Tea for two. Mr. Mikage is responsible for various tasks given to him directly by the chairwoman, and he befriends Chronoire while helping her during her time as substitute chairwoman.

• Kazane Kagari & Rinon Otometachibana
The magic square placed in the sewers, and the message Rinon was given that "Every person in town is a hostage."
At last, a wicked Tower assassin makes her appearance next volume...! I hope you're looking forward to it.

• Furry-ears
We finally learn all of their full names here in volume 4.
Under orders by Medusa to keep an eye on Takamiya (so that other Tower witches don't steal him away), they have no choice but to work with him.
As always, they're leading easygoing lives, getting beaten up by Rinon and watching their training room be destroyed.

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